

RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORM

(Due No Later Than: _____)

This is a formal proposal focusing on the Introduction of your IA. After selecting a study to replicate, you will need to research the experiment's topic and write an evaluative discussion of the existing published literature. Finally, you need to state the operationalized research and null hypotheses.

The proposal should be typed and turned in along with a copy of the study you are replicating. Listed below are the items to be included in your proposal- see Chapter 10 of **Understanding Research Methods in Psychology** for more information.

Aim of the Study

Explain the purpose of the study which orients the reader to the experiment.

Literature Review

Each member of the group should contribute one research article to the topic being studied. Cite these studies and write an evaluative discussion about the general theory on the topic. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the reviewed studies. *The research hypothesis arises from the issues raised in the literature review.*

Operationalized Research Hypothesis

Include the type of hypothesis (one-tailed, two-tailed or nondirectional); the IV and DV must be stated in clear and well-defined behavioral terms.

Operationalized Null Hypothesis

State in clear and well-defined behavioral terms that there is no difference between the samples tested in the experiment.