URFP Research Proposal Directions  
(for Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering)

As part of your application for the Undergraduate Research Fellows Program, you are required to submit a brief proposal (no more than 7000 characters; ~ 2 pages single-spaced) describing your research project for the next two quarters. Proposals are reviewed by a faculty committee and are a very important part of your application.

Please address the following when writing your research proposal:

1) Introduction: Describe in general (and without using jargon) what is known in your particular field of research, and the overall goals of your lab.

2) Project Proposal:  
   a. Describe the question or hypothesis that you will address.  
   b. Describe your experimental design or methods. Be sure to explain how they will be used to address your question or hypothesis.  
   c. Describe what data you will collect and how it will answer your question or hypothesis.

3) Explain how your research findings will fit into the research of your lab, and also the bigger picture of your field.

4) Briefly describe why you chose this particular research project and why this particular topic or field interests you.

Please note: The on-line form does not support italics, bold or greek symbols. You cannot submit any figures or other files. Use TEXT ONLY.