# Elements of a Good Research Abstract

## Submitting an Abstract

Submitting an abstract is a requirement for poster or paper presentations at conferences. A quality abstract increases acceptance rates and can help draw an interested audience to your presentation.

### Introductory Sentence(s)
- **Ii** Interest
- **Ia** Attention

### Research Topic (choose one to put on poster)
- **Th** Hypothesis
- **Tq** Question
- **Tp** Purpose

### Methods/Procedures
- **Mi** Instrument
- **Ma** Analysis

### Primary Results
- **Rf** Facts
- **Rd** Discovery

### Primary Conclusion
- **Cc** Conclusion

### Significance (why is your research important?)
- **Sg** Gaps?
- **Sc** Creativity?

## Key Elements

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### When to Submit
- **Wd** Discussion: Discuss with research faculty or mentors to get their opinions about submitting.
- **Wi** Length: Make submissions for research completed over two quarters.

### Conferences/Metings
- **Cn** National: Find national meetings or conferences.
- **Cl** Local: Consider local meetings in Eugene or Portland.

### Guidelines/Requirements
- **Gd** Deadlines: Deadlines need to be followed. Be sure to know when abstracts are due.
- **Gw** Words: Restrictions on word count typically range from 150-250 words.
- **Gf** Format: Choose a format type (presentation, poster, workshop, etc.).

## Before You Submit

### Check & Double Check These Things

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## Schedule a 1-1 appointment to get started or to get feedback about your abstract: [http://bit.ly/12qd6MU](http://bit.ly/12qd6MU)

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