

Format: Extended Abstract for Pre-lim (First year) Evaluations

The abstract should be concise, easy to read, and a single page in length. Please use complete sentences, and avoid lists or bullet points. Remember the key elements of scientific writing are clarity and precision.

Please use Times New Roman, 11 point font, single spaced, with one extra line between sections. Footnotes may be used to cite references.

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Name:

Advisor:

Project title:

Background: A single, brief paragraph that provides background and motivation for your project.

Problem Statement: A brief paragraph (2-3 sentences) describing the question(s) you are trying to answer (or the problem you are trying to solve) and why this is of interest. If you are working on a project that involves other researchers (graduate students, post-doc) start with a brief “bird’s-eye” overview, but make sure you write a final statement that applies to *your* portion of the work.

Results: An overview of the progress you have made on the project, followed by your most significant results and a brief discussion of those results. Presenting results as you would in a journal article (i.e. with figures, graphs, etc. annotated with captions), and not simply as a narrative, is highly recommended.

*Figures (images and/or graphs) - annotate with descriptive captions.

*Tables – heading should be placed above the table.

* Figures and/ or tables may be placed on page 2.

References: This is not a bibliography. Only list work cited explicitly on this page.

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Advisor’s Evaluation: A statement (paragraph) from your advisor that addresses your research effort, level of independent thought, and progress toward meeting research goals.