

## **Example Summer Research Paper**

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### Abstract

The abstract should be between 150-250 words in length and cover the following areas. An introduction that concisely presents the background for the project that was conducted and outlines the importance of the question being asked. The rationale/hypothesis/purpose statement should also be included to explain why this project was conducted, and the methodology, how the project was conducted. Finally, the results, what were the major findings from your work, and conclusions, what can be drawn from the findings, should be included. This page should be double-spaced.

## **Introduction**

### *Sub-Heading 1*

This section should start on a new page and be titled as the Introduction. Sub-headings should be italicized and justified to the left side of the page. The content of this section should focus on reviewing past research relevant to your research question. Remember, this formatting should be consistent throughout the paper.

Each new paragraph should be indented 0.5 inches. Blocks of quotations should be indented at least 1 inch from each side.

## **Methodology**

This section should focus on how the research was conducted and may include a discussion of the participants, research apparatus, or sources used. Papers from disciplines in the Humanities may not need this section.

## **Results**

Depending on your research project and discipline, you may or may not need to include a results section and may wish to combine the 'Results' and 'Discussion' sections. If included, this section should focus on reporting the major findings of your research and should not include much interpretation. Papers from disciplines in the Humanities may not need this section.

Tables summarizing statistical findings should also be included in this section and should be formatted according to the writing style of your discipline (ex. APA, MLA). An alternative acceptable table format is provided below.

Table 1: Trends in Graduate Enrollment by Field, 1995-1998

<b>Major Field</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>% Change (1995-1998)</b>	<b>Average Annual % Change (1986- 1998)</b>
Biological Sciences	59,486	-1%	1%
Business	189,328	-1%	1%
Education	258,722	-1%	2%
Engineering	87,641	0%	1%
Health Services	88,465	-3%	4%
Humanities & Arts	96,599	-2%	2%
Physical Sciences	90,574	-1%	0%
Public Admin & Sciences	49,512	0%	4%
Social Sciences	98,277	-4%	2%
Other Fields	85,033	1%	1%
<i>Total Enrollment</i>	1,238,190	-1%	1%

Source: CGS/GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment

Other figures may also be included in this section and should also follow the guidelines specific to your discipline.

### **Discussion (or Conclusion)**

In this section you should interpret and analyze the results of your research endeavor. This section should focus on integrating your research project with past research presented in the introduction and highlight the significance of your findings.

### References

Curry, L. (2009). The joys and challenges of conducting academic research. *National Journal of McNair Directors*, 16 (2), 95-107.

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## APPENDIX A

Any extra materials included in the appendix are placed here (ex. surveys, photos, etc.)