

## Guidelines for Abstract Preparation

A well-written abstract should be no more than 1000 words and should contain the following elements:

- Title - A short (10-15 words) descriptive title, clearly indicating the subject of the abstract.
- Researchers - The researchers should include only those individuals who will substantially contribute to the research. For student research, the student's name should be listed first.
- Department/Institution - Indicate the departmental and institutional affiliations of all researchers.
- Content - The text of the abstract should include:
  - A background section that gives the reader a brief overview of the most relevant findings upon which your work will rest.
  - The objectives of the investigation, including a statement of the hypothesis and any closely related goals.
  - The experimental methods that will be used; describe the experiments you intend to perform or the approach you intend to take on data collection and data analysis. Tell us just what you intend to do.
  - Indicate the significance and/or relevance of the work. Outline briefly the importance of the work by indicating how the results may impact health care, understanding of disease, or basic science knowledge.
- Support - Grant and/or other financial support for the research (including fellowship support) must be acknowledged.