Cleveland State University

TRIO McNair Scholars Program

Abstract

Write a <u>150-250 word abstract</u>. The abstract will be used for attending National McNair and other conferences.

A research abstract is a concise summary of a research paper, thesis, conference presentation, or any other scholarly work. It serves as a brief overview of the key elements and findings of the study, allowing readers to quickly understand the purpose, methods, results, and conclusions of the research without having to read the entire document. Research abstracts are commonly used in academic and scientific publications, conferences, and databases.

Here are general instructions on how to write a research abstract:
1. Check the guidelines the target publication or conference provides for specific requirements regarding abstract length, format, and content.
2. Keep the <u>abstract concise and focused</u> avoiding unnecessary details, jargon, or excessive technical language.
3. Write in clear and straightforward language to ensure that readers from various backgrounds can understand the content.
4. **Follow a Structure:**
   a. Start with a brief introduction to the research problem.
   b. Clearly state the research question or hypothesis.
   c. Describe the research methods or approach.
   d. Summarize the key findings.
   e. Conclude with the implications or significance of the results.
5. Incorporate relevant keywords that capture the essence of the research. These keywords help in indexing and searching.
6. **Avoid References and Citations.** Generally, abstracts do not include citations or references. Focus on presenting the main ideas and findings of the study.
7. **Edit and Revise:**
   a. Review and revise the abstract to ensure clarity, coherence, and accuracy.
   b. Pay attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
8. Match the tone and style of the abstract to the overall tone of the research paper or presentation.
9. Before finalizing the abstract, seek feedback from peers or mentors to ensure that it effectively communicates the critical aspects of the research.

Poster / PowerPoint Presentation

Provide a PowerPoint file with your poster following the dimensions provided in the template you will receive. The Program will print your poster for you to present during the CSU Research Poster Day, McNair Research Symposium, and at Conferences.

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