

Peter O'Day Fellowship in the Biological Sciences

Application Guidance

The proposal should be written in language that is clear to readers outside the applicant's discipline. The proposal should strictly adhere to the format and chronological organization outlined below.

1. Abstract (300 words maximum)

Enter a concise description of your proposed project. Abstracts should:

- a. Clearly state the central research question and/or purpose of the project.
- b. Provide brief, relevant scholarly or research context (no actual citations required) that demonstrates its attempt to make a unique contribution to the academic discipline.
- c. Provide a brief description of the research methodology.
- d. State conclusions or expected results and the context in which they will be discussed.
- e. Include text only (no images or graphics)
- f. Be well-written, well-organized, and free of spelling and grammatical errors.

2. Methods (200 words maximum)

Provide a description of the research methods that will be used for this project including a justification of why these techniques will be used. You will have an opportunity to explain how you are qualified to use these methods in the biography section below.

3. Investigator Biography (200 words maximum)

Please describe how your personal and educational background has prepared you to successfully complete this project. Include:

- a. What experiences you have had that have prepared you for this project.
- b. What training (formal and informal) you have received that makes you qualified to utilize and practice the methods listed in the previous section.
- c. How your past work contributes to this project.
- d. Your personal goals and desired learning outcomes for this project.

4. Research Schedule:

Provide your research schedule for the summer. Attempt to layout a reasonable schedule taking into consideration all phases of the research project.

5. Dissemination:

How will you share the results of your research? Please include any publication or presentation opportunities you plan to pursue.

*Please note that all awardees are required to apply to present at the UO Undergraduate Symposium, but students are also encouraged to seek out other [publication/presentation opportunities](#).

6. Letter of Recommendation:

Applicants should request a letter of recommendation from the faculty member whose lab they will be conducting research in. Letters should be submitted via email to urop@uoregon.edu.