

# Peter O'Day Fellowship in the Biological Sciences

## Application Guidance

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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. Research Proposal (300 words maximum)

Enter a concise description of your proposed project that addresses the following items:

- a. Clearly state the central research question and/or purpose of the project.
- b. Clearly state the significance of the research project and how it attempts to make a unique contribution to the academic discipline.
- c. Provide a brief, relevant scholarly or research context (no actual citations required).
- d. State expected conclusions or 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.

### 1. 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.

### 2. 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.

### 3. Research Schedule:

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

### 4. 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](#).

### 5. Undergraduate – Graduate Student: Relationship

Please briefly describe how you plan to work together as an effective research team on this project. Items to include:

- a. Your experience working together already.
- b. The expectations you have of each other regarding communication, overcoming challenges, designating responsibilities, assisting each other with research skills development, providing constructive feedback, and other items of this nature.

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](mailto:urop@uoregon.edu).