



Partners and Proposal Readiness:

Preparing Graduate Students to Start Their Thesis and Dissertation Proposals

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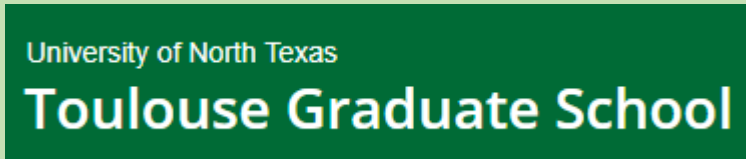
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Barriers to proposals



- What is a proposal?
- Where do I find literature?
- How do I organize myself?
- Busy schedules

Proposal Preparation Workshop and partners



1. Research questions – teaching faculty
2. Proposals – teaching faculty
3. Databases – subject librarians
4. Organization – RefWorks admin

Promotion and registration – graduate school

Assessment of 2015-2016 workshops



Responses to open-ended question:

- Separate workshop for engineering at COE campus
- More discussion time
- Expected writing time
- Shorter day

2016-2018 STEM workshops



Changes:

- Separated STEM workshop and held at COE campus
- Requested more discussion time
- Promoted writing opportunities
- Cut research question session

STEM attendance – average of 25, range of 10 – 35, total of 100

Assessment of STEM workshops



Responses to open-ended question:

- Like separate workshop
- Continue at engineering campus
- How to write research questions
- Writing practice and feedback
- BibTeX/LaTeX instruction

Strongly agree or agree responses

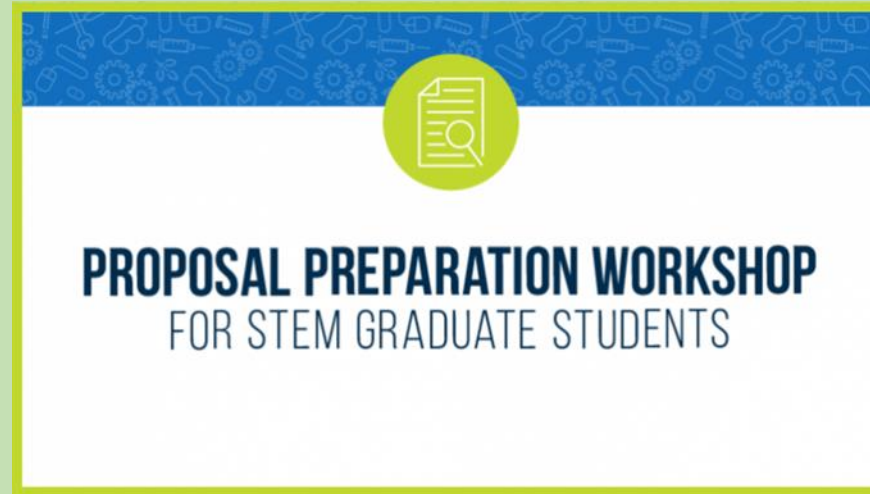
#1. I know how to write a more focused research question. **74%**

#2. I know how to start or continue my proposal. **94%**

#3. I know which subject specific databases to use for my research. **95%**

#4. I plan to use RefWorks to collect citations and make bibliographies. **87%**

Future of the STEM workshops



Questions?

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