



M.S. IN COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE
THESIS RESEARCH | CNS 70900
PROSPECTUS and REFERENCE FORM

A 3-4 page prospectus should be submitted during the semester for which you register for Thesis Research. Deadlines are set between the student and advisor/faculty mentor. Please email a copy of the prospectus to cogneuro@gc.cuny.edu.

1. Your Name:
2. Provisional Title of Your Thesis:
3. Name of Your Thesis Advisor/Mentor:
4. Advisor's Primary Email and Telephone Number:
5. Does your research involve human subjects? _____(Yes) _____ (No)

If yes, then you may need to seek IRB (Integrated Institutional Review Boards) approval before you begin your research. Please see **page 3** of this form for further information about the IRB submission and approval process.

6. Please attach a three to four-page **prospectus** of your thesis (between 900 and 1200 words). This prospectus should include the following:
 - A. A substantial summary of what you intend to write about in your thesis.
 - B. A description of the original research that you plan to conduct for your thesis.
 - C. An explanation of how your project is a response to others' work.
 - D. A timeline for completion of the project. Arrange thesis deadlines between you and the advisor.
7. In addition, please provide **references** of primary and secondary sources upon which you expect to draw in writing your thesis.
 - Please follow the format that you expect to use in preparing the final version of your references for your thesis. Check with the [Library's instructions for preparing and depositing theses](#) to ensure you are following the correct format.
 - Drop/Add ends three weeks after the beginning of the term; however, consult the GC academic calendar.

Signed (Your signature):

Date:

Signed (Your Advisor's Signature):

Date:

Human Subjects Research and IRB Approval

The **CUNY Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)** is responsible for the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects in research projects conducted at CUNY or by CUNY faculty, staff and students and RF CUNY staff. The program provides oversight, administrative support and educational training to ensure that CUNY research complies with federal and State regulations, University policy and the highest ethical standards. The CUNY HRPP comprises of 5 University Integrated Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and 19 on-site HRPP offices.

CUNY HRPP or IRB review is required when ALL of the following criteria are met:

1. The investigator is conducting research or clinical investigation;
2. The proposed research or clinical investigation involves human subjects; AND
3. CUNY is engaged in the research or clinical investigation involving human subjects.

Research protocols that meet ALL of the above criteria must be submitted using the electronic submission system (<http://ideate.cuny.edu>) to the HRPP office at the CUNY campus with which the faculty member or faculty advisor for student research protocols is primarily affiliated.

HRPP policies, procedures and guidelines are available here:

<http://www2.cuny.edu/research/research-compliance/human-research-protection-program-hrpp/hrpp-policies-procedures/>

The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) regulations are available here:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/45-cfr-46/index.html>

For faculty and students of faculty who are primarily affiliated with the Graduate Center, please visit the GC HRPP website at: www.gc.cuny.edu/hrpp