GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF RESEARCH PROSPECTUS
- M.S. BIOLOGY PROGRAM

Before initiating thesis research, each student is required to submit a written prospectus describing their proposed research project. The document is to be submitted to their advisory committee. Upon submission of the finished prospectus, the student will give a brief oral presentation of its contents during the departmental seminar (BIOL 5700).

The following are meant to serve as a guide for preparing the prospectus. It is expected that the student will consult regularly with their Major Professor/Advisor and utilize additional criteria as deemed necessary by their Advisor.

The prospectus should contain at least the following components:

A. A brief literature review and corresponding citations
B. A clear statement of the biological question to be answered.
C. An outline of the methodology to be used to answer the question.
D. A discussion of methods to be used to analyze the data.
E. A statement of significance of the expected results.

The prospectus should have a minimum length of 4-5 double-spaced pages. It is recommended that the student consult the ETSU thesis guidelines as well as the CBE style manual for information concerning style and format.