

BNFO 300: [Molecular Biology Through Discovery](#) (Spring 2016)
Progress on Research Proposal

I. Basic Information

- A. Your name

II. Progress on Topic

- A. What research *area* have you decided on?
If you haven't decided, then what candidates have you considered?
- B. What research *questions* have you considered?
(A question is distinguished from an area in that it can be addressed directly by an experiment or tight family of experiments)
How are they related to *molecular biology*, i.e. an exploration of how something works at the molecular level?
- C. What *articles* have you found that are useful in your search for a research question?
(Provide specific references and links if possible)

III. Progress on Mentor

- A. Who has agreed to mentor you on your research proposal?
If you haven't yet obtained agreement, then who have you considered?
Why her/him/them?
- B. If you haven't yet obtained agreement, what contacts have you made thus far? (Paste in the text of a pertinent e-mail, if you didn't already copy me on it)
If you haven't yet sent an e-mail, then provide the text of an e-mail that you're working on.
If there are holes in your message that you need to fill, indicate them with brackets, e.g. "[Got to find an article on mandibular paraphrasis]"
- C. What responses have you gotten? (Paste in the text of a pertinent e-mail, if I wasn't already copied on it)

IV. Path towards success (if you haven't yet lined up a mentor)

- A. What do you believe you need to do to come up with a research question and mentor in a timely fashion?
- B. What can Akhil, Vince, and I do to facilitate your journey?

V. Any other comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns?