BNFO 300: Molecular Biology Through Discovery (Fall 2017)
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)
       Have you looked at advice on How To Find Research Articles?

III. Progress on Finding a Mentor

    A. Has a member of the VCU research community agreed to mentor you for the purposes of guiding you through a research proposal?

        1. If so, who? Why her/him?

        2. If not, then who have you considered?
          Why her/him/them?
          Have you looked at advice on How To Find a Mentor?

    B. What contacts have you made with your mentor or prospective mentor?

        1. If you have sent out an e-mail proposing the mentorship, please paste in the text, if you didn't already copy me on it.

        2. If you have not yet sent out such 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 pariphrasis*]"
          Have you looked at advice on How To Contact a Prospective Mentor?

    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? Why not do it?

    B. What can Thomas, Jared, and I do to facilitate your journey?

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