

Economics PhD Second-Year Research Paper Guidelines

Students will produce a formal written proposal for a second year paper, which will be approved by the student's Working Group (Economics 290) Faculty Advisor(s).

1. Submitting a Proposal

A student's proposal for a research paper must do the following:

- a. Articulate a research question of interest and the methodological approach.
- b. Specify what data and other resources are required to execute the proposal, and how these resources will be obtained.
- c. Because different fields have different procedures, students should check with faculty leading their working group for further guidance.
- c. Be submitted to the Faculty Advisor(s) of the student's Working Group by the last day of classes in the Spring quarter of the second year.
- d. Written proposals will be evaluated by the Faculty Advisor(s), and must be judged acceptable.

If the proposal is not judged acceptable, students will be placed on academic warning and will have to resubmit a revised proposal at a later deadline. If the revised proposal is still not judged acceptable, students will be placed on academic probation.

2. Submitting the Research Paper

Students will turn in a final version of their second-year paper by the last day of classes in the fall quarter of their third year. These papers will be independently evaluated by the student's Working Group Faculty Advisor(s) along with an anonymous reviewer assigned by the Economics Department.

Students whose paper is not considered acceptable will be placed on academic warning and will need to resubmit their revised research paper by the last day of classes of the winter quarter of their third year. If the revised paper is still not deemed acceptable, the student will be placed on academic probation. A student who has not submitted an acceptable paper by the last day of classes of the Spring Quarter of their third year may be dismissed from the program.