Research Rookies Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2015
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Altgeld Hall 125
Agenda

• Group picture
• Portraits
• Small groups
  – Review proposal guidelines
• Stephen Haliczer, The Wearable Technology Revolution and the NIU Wearable Technology Research Group
• Announcements
Mentor Selection Process

- Begin meeting with selected faculty members
- Make a decision
  - If you’ve selected a faculty mentor, email ResearchRookies@niu.edu
  - If you would like to meet with more faculty, email OSEEL
- Contacting faculty after talking with OSEEL
  - OSEEL will contact your selected mentor and copy you on the email
  - Follow up with your mentor to set up regular meetings
  - Follow up with the faculty members you didn’t select
- Preferred deadline: Friday, September 25
Proposal Guidelines

- Cover Page
- Abstract
- Project Description (Limit 6 pages)
  - Background & context
  - Statement of significance & impact
  - Statement of project objectives
  - Methods
  - Outcomes
- Literature Cited
- Impact on academic experience
- Timeline
Abstract

• 250 words or less
• Brief overview of proposal
• **Should be written last**
Project Description

- No more than 6 pages double-spaced
- Times New Roman, 10-point or 12-point font
- 1” margins
- Consult OSEEL, peer mentor, & faculty mentor throughout the writing process
Project Description

• Background & Context
  – Discussion about research that has already been done in this area
  – Indicate why your research is filling any gaps/holes in present understanding of this area/field
  – Should have literature citations!
Project Description

• Statement of Significance & Impact
  – What is the significance of this research (i.e. Why do we care?)?
  – What does this research contribute to your field?
Project Description

• Statement of Project Objectives
  – Research question/hypothesis or creative concept that will be addressed
  – Can be bulleted list
Project Description

• Methods
  – The “How?”
  – Your general plan for executing proposed research
  – Should be clear and understandable
  – Discuss with your mentor about first/third person
    • Remove “I” or “we” from proposal
Project Description

• Outcomes
  – Expected results or final product for proposed research
  – Possible products are a report, publishable article, policy recommendation, a performance
  – Undergraduate Research & Artistry Day (URAD) final presentation
  – Be specific
Literature Cited

• List of references that are cited in your proposal
  – Background & Context section

• Use standard professional format
  – APA, MLA, Chicago Style
  – Be consistent

• Not included in your 6 page limit
Timeline

• Weekly or biweekly timeline of proposed activities
• Include specific benchmarks to achieve
• Timelines written in narrative form will not be accepted
• Not included in your 6 page limit
Project Description

• Draft
  – Hard copy due at meeting on November 2
  – Email to ResearchRookies@niu.edu by 6:00pm on November 2
• Final proposal
  – Email to ResearchRookies@niu.edu on by 11:59pm on November 20
Social Media

• Facebook:
  – NIU Office of Student Engagement & Experiential Learning
  – 2015-16 NIU Research Rookies

• Twitter
  – @engageoseel

• Instagram
  – niu_oseel
Announcements

- **Graduate & Professional School Fair** – Sept. 25, HSC Duke Ellington Ballroom
- **Next meeting** – Oct. 5, Altgeld 125
- **Faculty Mentor Orientation** – Oct. 6, Campus Life Building room 100
- **Simmon Scholar application** open (due Nov. 6)
- **Assignments** (due Sept. 23)
  - Blog posts
  - Student biographies
- **Creando Caminos**