

The Department of Biotechnology and Food Engineering

Instructions for writing thesis proposals for approval by the Department's board

The instructions are relevant to all graduate students in the Department (MSc, PhD, or direct PhD).

View this as an exercise aimed to teach you how to write a concise research proposal. Many international foundations sort the submitted proposals based on a Brief Letter of Interest. Only if the submitter is able to convince the committee that their research is worth funding, then they are requested to submit the full proposal for evaluation.

General rules for submission:

1. **Research title** in Hebrew and English, name of student, name of supervisor(s).
2. **Introduction** (scientific background), up to 1.5 pages.
3. **Research goals** – the rationale behind the proposal and specific aims
4. **Research significance** (items 3 and 4 should be less than 0.5 page)
5. **Work plan** – describe the experimental design according to the list of research aims and your anticipated results. You may incorporate preliminary results obtained thus far. Alternatively you may allocate a short section (up to 1 page) to initial results and then add a section on the remaining plans. You may add up to a total of 2 pages of results and figures.
6. **References** – use only reviews and relevant references. Include the authors, title of the paper, volume, page numbers and year.

Overall, the proposal should not exceed 7 pages with the last page including the references.

IMPORTANT – print the proposal on both sides of the paper.