CSE 5/7338 Project Proposal

Due: Nov 4 at 11:59pm, submitted on Blackboard (no extensions)

The Project Proposal can be thought of as a first draft of the introduction and methodology section of the Project Report. Your task is to introduce the topic you are proposing to investigate and explain why it is interesting. You must then describe the methodology for investigating the topic. This must include a description of the data set(s) you will be using, a clear statement of any hypotheses you hope to answer by examining the data, and a justification for why the examined data set can help answer these questions.

The Project Proposal should be roughly 800 words long. To get improved feedback on writing and project proposals, students will do peer evaluation of each other's proposal documents as part of a homework assignment. Feedback from the instructor and peer evaluation can be used to improve the proposal, and revised text from the Project Proposal can be incorporated into the final Project Report.

If you are working with a partner on the project, put both names on the proposal and turn in one document.

Note: please include a cover page with your name, then do not include your name on the actual proposal so that you can get anonymized feedback from your peers.

Recommended proposal structure

1. Introduction

- Introduce topic of investigation
- Explain why this is interesting and worthy of study

2. Methodology

- Describe data sets that you will be using, including how you will collect them
- If more than one data set is included, explain how you intend to join them.
- Clear statement of any hypotheses you hope to answer
- Justification for why data set(s) will be able to answer hypotheses

Resources

For more information on the project, see http://lyle.smu.edu/~tylerm/courses/econsec/project.html.

For a list of suggested project topics, see http://lyle.smu.edu/~tylerm/courses/econsec/restricted/topics.html (use the username and password posted on Blackboard).