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**Psychology -- Scoring Guide for Research Proposal**

**Formatting** (section subtotal of 4 points) **Format Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/4  
\_\_\_\_ 1.0" margins (1 point)  
\_\_\_\_ double spacing (1 point)  
Section headers (2 points):  
\_\_\_\_ Abstract: Centered heading (**not** boldfaced): "Abstract"  
\_\_\_\_ Intro: Title of paper centered at top of page (**not** boldfaced)  
\_\_\_\_ Method: Centered, boldfaced heading: "**Method**" and subsections begin with left-justified, boldfaced headings (e.g. **Procedure**)  
\_\_\_\_ References: Centered heading (**not** boldfaced): "References"

**Title Page** (section subtotal of 3 points) **Title Page Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/3  
\_\_\_\_ Title (1 point)  
\_\_\_\_ Student Name and Affiliation (1 point)  
\_\_\_\_ Running Head (1 point)

**Abstract** (section subtotal of 5 points) **Abstract Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/5  
\_\_\_\_ Purpose (1 point)  
\_\_\_\_ Methods -- 1 or 2 sentences describing the experiment (1 point)  
\_\_\_\_ Results -- 1 or 2 sentences describing the data (1 point)  
\_\_\_\_ Significance of the Results -- What does it all mean? (1 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Formatting: One paragraph, no indent, ≤120 words (1 point)

**Introduction** (section subtotal 35 points) **Introduction Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/35  
\_\_\_\_ Describe the goal of the project (5 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Argument supporting the project, including description of previous studies and basic concepts (20 points)  
    Judged for quality of argument, timeliness, number, and coherence with current project  
\_\_\_\_ Hypothesis stated correctly (10 points)

**Method** (section subtotal 24 points) **Method Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/24  
\_\_\_\_ Participants/Subjects: Describe the subject pool (6 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Materials and Apparatus: What was used? (6 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Procedure: Describe the experiment so it could be replicated (6 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Method of Analysis: How will you analyze your data? What will these analyses tell you? (6 points)

**References** (section subtotal 12 points) **References Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/12  
\_\_\_\_ References provided appropriately for each article cited (2 points)  
\_\_\_\_ No references for articles not cited (2 points)  
\_\_\_\_ APA style for references in the Reference Section (5 points)  
\_\_\_\_ APA style for references in the text (2 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Formatting: Hanging indents for all entries (1 point)

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**Total Points Available for Content and Format: 83 points** **Content and Format Total** \_\_\_\_\_/83

**General writing (section subtotal 17 points):** Subtract points the following errors: **General Writing Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/17

Disagreement in # of subjects/verbs/pronouns	Typos	Other errors in writing mechanics
Disagreements in tense	Awkward, run-on or unclear sentences	Lacking a staple or stapled out of order
Sentence fragments	Colloquialisms or slang	Page number in upper right corner on each page
Incorrect word choices (e.g. their/there or two/to/too)	Incorrect use of punctuation marks	

Excellent = 17 Points      Good = 15 Points      Fair = 12 Points      Poor = 8      Extremely Poor = 0

**Paper Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_/100