NPL MA
Capstone Project Proposal

Applications should be completed at least three weeks before the beginning of the semester of instruction.

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Title of Project:

- Graduate students are responsible for reviewing and completing all necessary procedures by the date specified. Failure to do so may postpone graduation.
- An approved proposal must be on file before students register for NPL 595

Students may choose to do either a Thesis or Project for their capstone. Please attach a detailed description of your capstone thesis or project proposal. The following sections should be included in the document:

I. Thesis Proposal:
   - **Research Question:** Clearly outline the research question you will be addressing.
     - **Project Partners:** Who are the project partners? Is this a team project? If yes, who is on the team and what expertise does each person bring? Is the project being done for a specific organization? If so, please identify the organization, the unit in the organization you will be working with, and your organization contacts.
     - **Project Design:** Provide a detailed plan for the project, including a timeline for completion.
     - **Resources:** List the resources required, including bibliographical, technological, space-related, and equipment-related.
     - **Methodology:** Provide a detailed description of the methodology to be employed in the research.
     - **Literature Review:** Provide a detailed literature review that identifies prior knowledge, existing gaps, and how your research addresses the gaps.
     - **Bibliography:** Provide a working bibliography for your project.

II. Project Proposal:
   - **Project Purpose:** State exactly what the project is designed to do – what is the project deliverable and what needs/interests will it meet?
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**Resources:** List the resources required, including bibliographical, technological, space-related, and equipment-related.

**Literature Review:** Provide a detailed literature review, addressing projects that have been undertaken by others with similar purposes, and providing appropriate research to support your choice of strategy and method.

**Bibliography:** Provide a working bibliography for your project.

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