Introduction

- Use your introduction as a way to introduce the aim of your project and your hypothesis.
- Try to avoid walls of text and use of jargon
- When structuring, go from general to specific, in order to help your reader stay focused.
- For font choice, sans serif is recommended to make reading easier for viewers, but Times New Roman is always a good choice if you prefer serif fonts.

Background

- This section can be used to explain the research project in more detail, or substituted for a larger methods section if needed.
- Prioritize using figures
- When using a figure, captions should be at least 18 points in order to be visible.
- Main text should not be smaller than 24 points
- If you’re adding a graph or chart, consider colorblind viewers (4.5% of the general population). Instead of red/green color combinations, substitute yellow/blue, green/magenta, or go with greyscale.

Methods

- Explain your research process.
  Lab equipment you used or places you went might go here.
  This can be made into a second results section if you have lots of data.

Subheading

- More text can go here.
- None of the figures here have captions (because they’re all filler), but in your final research poster they should be captioned with a brief explanation/citation if needed.

Results

- This is where you can put your data.
  Text should be relatively sparse in this section

Analysis/Models

- Charts and figures based on your data can go here.
  There’s also room for some discussion of results.

Discussion

- Use this space to explain why your study was valuable. What did you learn?

Recommendations

- If you want to do more work, or feel that the study could have gone better, this is the place to explain.
- Otherwise, you can expand the discussion section.

References

- All works cited in your research go here.
- Citation styles vary by study topic, so check with your mentor if you aren’t sure, or ask the writing center.

Acknowledgements

Coauthors go here. This is also a good section to put the logos of additional organizations that supported you (like the NSF) if they didn’t fit well in the header.