THESIS APPLICATION CHECKLIST AND SUMMER PLANS, 2018

I. Application: Due April 16, 2018, 4:00 PM
☐ Submit to Anita Nester your application to the IR Honors Program:
  o Application Cover Sheet
  o Thesis Prospectus, including a statement of your preparedness for the proposed study
  o Signature or written support of a faculty member who has reviewed your initial thesis prospectus and has agreed to serve as the 1st reader on your project.
  o Writing Sample of research paper submitted for a class
☐ Be prepared to rework your thesis prospectus after it has been reviewed by the Honors Committee.

II. After you have been accepted into the Honors Program
☒ Submit to Dr. Elliott a concrete research plan for the summer (agreed upon by your 1st reader).
☒ Apply for summer research funds if appropriate.

III. Over the Summer
☐ Read Undergraduate Work Involving Human Subjects on the Research at Brown website.
☐ Complete Brown’s education course for the protection of human research participants (CITI). Submit your completed training certificate to the thesis seminar instructor in the fall.
☐ Read at least one of the thesis writing resources below.
  o Charles Lipson, How to Write a Thesis
  o On the Art of Writing Proposals
  o A Guide to Writing a Senior Thesis in Government or A Guide to Writing a Senior Thesis in Social Studies

IV. Fall Semester
☐ Return to Brown senior year having read key literature on your topic, refined your research question, and reviewed the quantitative and qualitative evidence available to you.
☐ IR Thesis Seminar begins first day of class: Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:30 PM.