

THESIS APPLICATION CHECKLIST AND SUMMER PLANS

I. Spring Semester

- Apply to write a thesis in DS
 - Submit to Professor Lewis the completed Advisor Agreement Form by the posted deadline
- Attend the Watson Undergrad Thesis Conference
 - Public presentation is mandatory for all thesis writers. This will be you next year!
- Meet with a subject librarian
 - Librarians can help you narrow your research question, find review articles to give you a sense of the existing scholarship on your topic, direct you to library holdings and databases, and offer tips to enhance your online research skills. The DS librarian is Li Wang.
- Submit a summer research plan
 - Your research plan should be made in conjunction with your primary thesis advisor. Over the summer students typically read key books and articles on their topic, review the quantitative and qualitative sources available to them, and perhaps conduct research abroad.
- Apply for summer research funds
 - Applications in UFUNDS for the DS Research and Internship Grant are due early May.

II. Over the Summer

- Read [Undergraduate Work Involving Human Subjects](#) on the Research at Brown website (under IRB Submission and Review of Research).
- 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. This will introduce you to the key components of a thesis and help you understand the relationship between the thesis and the prospectus.
 - [Charles Lipson, How to Write a Thesis](#)
 - [On the Art of Writing Proposals](#)
 - [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 ready to go!

