

## 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:
  - Application Cover Sheet
  - Thesis Prospectus, including a statement of your preparedness for the proposed study
  - Signature or written support of a faculty member who has reviewed your initial thesis prospectus and has agreed to serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> reader on your project.
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
  - [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 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.

