

## 1. Submit an Honors Thesis Application for IDSC

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES WILL VARY YEAR TO YEAR BY A DAY OR 2, BUT THE MATERIALS REMAIN THE SAME**

After discussing preliminary topics with your thesis advisor, you should begin to craft your Honors Thesis proposal. A draft of the Honors thesis proposal is due to the thesis advisor by the first Friday after spring break. A second draft is due March 28<sup>th</sup>. Your final Honors Thesis application is due to the IDSC Undergraduate Coordinator by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

This application must include:

1. Your transcript,
2. Honors Thesis proposal (3-5 pages), and
3. A written recommendation from the prospective thesis advisor.

The Honors thesis proposal should include:

- An introduction that clearly indicates the central research question of your thesis/project and the particular aspects of the topic you plan to address.
- A brief review of the literature in international development on the broader issues and debates surrounding your topic.
- A discussion of your research methodology that indicates what evidence you will use, who or what are your sources, and how you plan to use this evidence to address your central question.
- A preliminary outline of subtopics or subthemes of your research.
- A bibliography of 10-20 sources (at least half of these should be secondary sources) annotated to explain how each source contributes to or is relevant to your thesis/project. Citations should be formatted in a correct and consistent manner.

By April 18<sup>th</sup> the IDSC Undergraduate Coordinator will let students know whether their applications have been approved or denied. In some cases the committee may suggest that an applicant revise the proposal and re-submit it. You are encouraged to meet with your thesis advisor before the end of spring semester to set up a research plan you can pursue independently over the summer.

Please remember that if you will conduct primary research with human subjects that you must complete the IRB forms. The final IRB submission date before summer vacation is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.