

Recommended writing timeline for G. H. Cook Scholars

While the exact timeline of writing a G.H. Cook thesis will vary from project to project, here are some recommended milestones to keep your writing on track and maximize opportunities to obtain feedback from your advisor. Note that, when creating your own timeline, it is useful to work backwards from submission of the final thesis in May.

Materials and Methods: Start writing the *Materials and Methods* section of your thesis as soon as you begin working on your project. Add to it and revise every time you work on your project.

July-September: Write the *first draft of the Introduction section* of your thesis, including a draft *Bibliography*.

October: Submit the *first drafts of the Materials and Methods and Introduction sections* to your advisor for *feedback*.

November-January: Create a *storyboard of your results or design* including a *sequence of figures* with expected or actual results or designs including *figure captions* explaining what is illustrated.

January: Submit your *storyboard* to your advisor for *feedback*.

Last Friday in January: *Progress report* showing results so far and describe remaining work due to the program.

March 31: Submit the *first complete draft of your thesis* to your Advisor and Reader for comments.

April: Make corrections to your thesis.

First Friday in May: Submit the *final version of your thesis* to the program.