

## Instructions for the Narrative

Please describe your project in language appropriate for a well-educated reader who is not necessarily a specialist in your discipline. Sample narratives are available upon request at [grs@appstate.edu](mailto:grs@appstate.edu).

The recommended outline below can be adapted as needed for your discipline. The narrative is limited to **four typed, double-spaced pages** [12 point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins]. **\*If you exceed the page limit in your submitted application, your application will be returned without review\***

Save your completed narrative file as LastName\_FirstName\_URCNarrative\_CURRENTYEAR and upload in the field provided.

### Recommended outline:

- Research question: abstract and problem statement
- Specific goals or aims of the project
- Broader significance and implications of the project: Why is the problem or investigation important? What work has already been done, and how will the proposed project build on or contest that work? What is the impact of the project within the context of your field?
- Project design: Methods, procedures, protocols, actions. What is to be done and how will it be done?
- Timeline for the project from initiation of work to dissemination of final results. (You have 12 months from the date of award to complete your project.)
- Personnel involved in project and their responsibility for elements in the timeline
- Expected outcomes, products, deliverables, and/or benefits
- Plans for dissemination of results
- Plans for the sustainability of the project: How will your department and college support the project? What plans do you have to apply for specific external funding sources or research fellowships?