NEURO 91 FINAL REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

**NOTE: DO NOT USE THIS FORM IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING WRITING A THESIS**

If you are considering writing a thesis, you should complete the ‘combined thesis proposal form’ (junior spring) or submit your ‘partial rough draft’ (senior fall) – see the ‘Thesis and Research’ section of the website for details.

**Report Format:**
A written report of approximately **10-12 (double spaced) pages** is due to your research director and James Poolner (jp@mcb.harvard.edu) on **May 5th, 2020** (Spring Semester).

The 91 report should be based on work done in the lab (or remotely) during that semester. Because in-person research was curtailed this semester due to the coronavirus, this report has been reconfigured to focus on the development of your literature review and de-emphasize your data collection and actual results.

- **Background & Rationale:** In approximately 8-10 pages (double spaced), introduce your broad topic and provide a background for your research project. You should read the relevant literature and provide a brief context for the question(s) you were planning to address. Begin this section by broadly introducing your topic, then focus in on any pertinent background studies (not just from your own lab but others as well), and eventually end with a statement of your specific research questions. A reader should be able understand why you are asking your question, based on what you describe in this background section about earlier work, current debates in the field, etc.

- **Results:** In approximately 2-4 pages (double spaced), describe your intended experimental design and any experiments you completed (along with any results you obtained). Students are encouraged to include any result no matter how seemingly small.

- **References:** (not included in page count). Provide key references regarding the background and experimental design of your project. Provide complete reference information (authors, year, title, journal, volume, pages numbers, etc).

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**Fall: December 5**  **Spring: May 5**

Please email a .pdf (or Word doc) attachment to your research director; and cc’ that email to James Poolner (jp@mcb.harvard.edu).

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