

Resources for Writers of Honors Theses and other Research-Intensive Projects

1. Subject librarians

Subject librarians are an incredible resource at every stage of a research project. They can assist you with narrowing a topic, finding sources, and evaluating sources. You can find them at your library's reference desk or by searching your library's website. Learn more about Emory's subject librarians here: <http://web.library.emory.edu/research-learning/subject-librarians/index.html>

2. Library research guides

Many libraries offer electronic research guides on particular topics, disciplines, and courses. In addition to hundreds of discipline-specific research guides, Emory's Woodruff library hosts an entire series of guides on general research tips. Find all the guides at <http://guides.main.library.emory.edu/index.php>.

3. Other student's theses

Look at abstracts or introductions to other students' honors theses to get a sense for what theses can look like. Emory students can view abstracts of Emory students' theses abstracts at <https://etd.library.emory.edu/>

4. Online advice and inspiration

- From the UNC Chapel Hill Writing Center: <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/honors-theses/>
- From the Tufts Writing Center: <http://uss.tufts.edu/arc/writingresources/thesis.asp>
- From the MIT political science department: <http://web.mit.edu/17.423/www/Archive98/handouts/thesis.html>
- From Emory's history department: <http://guides.main.library.emory.edu/histhonors>
- From Emory's undergraduate fellows at the Fox Center: <http://foxcenterresearchcommons.wordpress.com/>

5. The Emory Writing Center library in Callaway N212.

We have a number of books that honors thesis writers find useful. A couple of the staff's favorites include Kate L. Turabian's [Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations](#) and Claire Kehrwald Cook's [Line by Line: How to Edit Your Own Writing](#).

6. Video: [The Craft of Writing Effectively](#)

Dr. Larry McEnerney lectures on research writing techniques.

7. PDF: [The Problem of the Problem](#)

Handout to accompany Dr. Larry McEnerney's lecture *The Craft of Writing Effectively*.