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**Submission Requirements:**
Collaboration with a Mentor: All student submissions must be accompanied by a letter of support from a project mentor. It is expected that the mentor is a UW-Platteville faculty, or academic staff member.

Mentor Letter must address 3 items:
1) In the opinion of the mentor, this work represents outstanding student achievement within this discipline.
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3) The mentor acknowledges that s/he has reviewed the submission and finds it free of editorial or methodological errors and appropriate for publication. Mentors serve as the primary editors of student work.

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- Manuscripts must be under 3500 words, not including reference, tables and figures.
- The title of the work should be left justified, in bold font, and include capital and lowercase letters.
- Immediately below the title, include the following in italics font:
  “By: Student author’s name, Advisor — Advisor’s name”
- Include a single-spaced (200 word max) summary preceding the body of the work.
- Major headings within the body of the paper should be in bold font on their own line.
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