

Suggestions for completing the General Audience Abstract

General Audience Abstract: a summary of your BNL experience OR a research paper abstract

While you should touch on each of the following topics, you need not organize them in this sequence.

DOE format for Abstract for a General Audience

Checklist of topics you should include in this “abstract,” using the DOE’s suggested format:

1. Discuss your **activities** including a definition of the institutional setting (BNL, NSLS, RHIC, etc.);
2. Highlight **accomplishments**;
3. Discuss **impact(s)** on BNL research of your research ;
4. Describe **relevance** of your research activities to DOE program(s) or mission;
5. Highlight **lessons learned**;
6. Discuss the **professional growth and development** resulting from your appointment.

NOTE: Write for a broad and largely non-subject matter expert audience (*Scientific American* audience).

Alternate format for Abstract for a General Audience using a scientific research paper outline

1. An **introduction** that succinctly describes and appropriately connects the subject and context/background to the purpose of the investigation;
2. A **methods** section that succinctly identifies the methods used to study the subject of the investigation;
3. A **results** section that provides a succinct and specific explanation of what was discovered, accomplished, collected or produced;
4. A **conclusion** that provides a succinct interpretation of the results and evaluates what the results mean to the investigation, or when results were not obtained evaluates what the completion of the investigation could mean within a larger field.
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7. Highlight **lessons learned**;
8. Discuss the **professional growth and development** resulting from your appointment.

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