**Policy Research Proposal Form**

# Area of Interest (check all that apply)

**Government Spending & Budgeting**

**Regulation & Regulatory-Process**

**State & Local Policy**

**Financial Markets**

**Monetary Policy**

**Technology Policy**

**Health Care**

**Government-Granted Privilege(s)**

Focus (ex. taxation, entitlements, budget process, economic stimulus, fiscal federalism, corporate subsidies, etc.):

|  |
| --- |
| (Insert text here) |

# Abstract

What specific questions will this research explore? How are the research questions relevant to the policy community? Is there anything that makes this research particularly timely/compelling?

|  |
| --- |
| (Insert text here) |

# Hypothesis

What is your proposed explanation for the phenomenon at issue?

|  |
| --- |
| (Insert text here) |

# Short Literature Review

This does not have to be a full-blown lit review, but please briefly list and summarize the existing work on this topic. What gap in knowledge do you seek to fill or key point do you aim to explore?

|  |
| --- |
| (Insert text here) |

# Methodology

How do you propose to conduct the research (quantitative, qualitative, case studies, field research/interviews, etc.)? Will your work require undergraduate or graduate level research assistants? If so, how many? How specifically does your approach to this inquiry incorporate the Mercatus Toolkit (Austrian, Public Choice, and/or New Institutional Economics)?

|  |
| --- |
| (Insert text here) |

# If the paper contains an empirical component, please describe the data you plan to use (public or private, time-series, etc.), the model/equation you plan on using to test your hypothesis, and the independent and dependent variables that will comprise the model. Please provide links to datasets, if possible.

|  |
| --- |
| (Insert text here) |