**Getting Started on The Honors Proposal**

- **It is never too early to start thinking about an honors thesis.** The most successful projects usually develop out of a good student/adviser relationship that is developed over the course of one to two years. Get to know your professors early and talk to them about your interests.

- **Look at past proposals and theses.** Read through sample proposals and past examples of honors projects to get a sense of the structure, organization and kinds of projects that have been successful in the past. The Undergraduate Coordinator keeps copies of past proposals and theses in the office and is happy to provide them on request. Past theses are also available in the Art & Architecture Library under ARH 297. To search for these in Socrates, limit the library to Art & Architecture Library in the advanced search mode.

- **Write your UAR grant application** in advance of your Honors Proposal. Or just as important: visit the UAR Grant Proposal Writing Guide which offers fantastically concrete and detailed advice for writing a successful proposal.

- **Meet with your adviser**
  Arrange and make the most of meetings with your adviser. Come prepared to discuss your research, questions you’ve raised, ideas you have, logistics to arrange. In advance of your meetings, identify concrete goals you want to achieve.

- **Be as precise as possible about the overall structure of your project in your proposal.**
  When faculty read your proposal, they are interested in seeing that it is realistic in scope. While your proposal is not a binding document – your project can (and will) change over the course of your research—your job is to give the best sense, now, of where you see your project going.
• **Convey your passions!**
  The senior thesis is a culminating experience that brings together your interests as they have developed throughout your time at Stanford. The most compelling projects show investment, engagement, immersion.