Frequent scientific writing will improve your writing skills, help you organize your thoughts and ensure that you periodically document your results. Starting in Fall 2001, graduate students enrolled in Prof. Sands’s 299 course will earn a “Satisfactory” grade only if the writing assignment is completed. Submitting any one of the following to TDS will satisfy this requirement:

1) a draft thesis (M.S. or Ph.D.)
2) a complete draft of a manuscript for publication
3) an invention disclosure
4) a qualifying exam proposal
5) a comprehensive literature review of your thesis topic
6) a comprehensive report on your research progress for the current semester
7) a series of short research reports, due on the 1st of each month (min. three per semester)

Please indicate which option you plan to pursue at the beginning of the Semester (by September 1st in the Fall and February 1st in the Spring). The report will be due on the last day of instruction (e.g., December 8th in Fall 2001). You are strongly encouraged to submit your report earlier!