

Contents of Research Proposal

Research proposal is a written statement of the research design that includes a statement explaining the objective of the study and a detailed, systematic outline of a particular research methodology. Normally, the research proposal for a Master/PhD degree includes the following key elements:

- Full title of the research
- Background of the problem/study
- Problem statement/Problem identification
- Research objectives/Research questions
- Scope and limitation of the study
- Significance of the study
- Literature review
- Conceptual framework (if applicable)
- Hypotheses (if applicable)
- Research methodology/ research design/ sampling/ data collection/ plan for data analysis
- Study plan/Gantt chart
- List of references

Notes for students:

- i. *The suitable length of research proposal is different from one field to another. Please refer to your supervisor.*
- ii. *Please do not include the whole chapter of your literature review in the research proposal. Present only the summary of the review.*