

Research Proposal Template

The research proposal must:

- be in English
- be a minimum of 1,000 words and maximum of 3500 words
- be fully referenced

The research proposal should include:

1. Project Title

Provide a short descriptive title of no more than 20 words.

2. Project Summary

In no more than 100 words, provide a summary of the proposed research project in language comprehensible to someone outside your field.

3. Background

Describe the status quo of relevant research in the area and identify a gap in knowledge or activities that must be filled to move the field forward.

4. Objectives and Research Questions

Describe the objectives or the intended outcomes of the project. Explain the research questions and may include the hypothesis or problem to be addressed.

5. Theoretical Framework and Methods

Describe the research design and methods of analysis you will use to accomplish the objectives.

6. Significance / Contribution of the Proposed Research

Explain the likely significance of your research and how it will impact the research field.

7. Research Plan and Timeline

Summarise the key actions and milestones of the proposed research. A Gantt chart is useful in illustrating the various stages and activities of research, in terms of a schedule to meet time-lines.

8. References

Provide bibliographic details of all references cited, adopting a standardised format.