



RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

TITLE	Formulate a clear and concise topic.
INTRODUCTION	Provide a broad overview of the study.
BACKGROUND	<p>Inform the reader about the current status of your research area relating to the problem your research aims to address.</p> <p>In the background section the author goes into comprehensive discussion about the current situation in the chosen area of research and state why the chosen research is necessary.</p>
RESEARCH PROBLEM	Clearly state the problem. Remember to situate it in the current body of knowledge
OBJECTIVES	Describe what your research intends to achieve. Provide clear and specific objectives of your research
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	Clearly frame reachable/manageable research questions.
HYPOTHESIS	<p>Is there a specific, clear, and testable proposition or predictive statement about the possible outcome?</p> <p>Based on what is known, state what you hope to achieve through your results.</p>
SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY	<p>Determine significance of your research.</p> <p>Determine the value of your research.</p> <p>State what contribution your research will make.</p> <p>Research could fill the gap/add a new body of knowledge.</p> <p>Enhance/expand existing body of knowledge.</p> <p>Add to existing literature.</p> <p>Advance the understanding of a topic.</p>
LITERATURE REVIEW	<p>Demonstrate clear understanding of what has been researched/advanced on the topic.</p> <p>Demonstrate proper understanding and knowledge of the research area/topic gathered from quality and reliable sources.</p> <p>Conduct a thorough review of related literature in your area of interest</p> <p>Provide a context to your research by identifying gaps, limitations of short comings (this helps</p>

	to justify your research).
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	<p>Clearly state methods/techniques.</p> <p>Some of the methods include qualitative, grounded theory, case study, quantitative and/or mixed methods etc.</p> <p>Provide reasons for the method (s) to be used.</p> <p>Explain the data collection techniques and data analysis approaches you will use</p> <p>Explain the data sample and population, etc.</p> <p>Determine research sample and sampling techniques.</p>
DATA ANALYSIS	Discuss methods in which data will be analyzed.
ETHICAL CONSIDERATION	<p>Determine and state potential risk /obstacles associated with your research or with gathering data.</p> <p>Address and state confidentiality and private concerns.</p> <p>Address and state risk factors.</p> <p>Discuss how data/samples etc. will be stored or destroyed.</p>
BIBLIOGRAPHY OR LIST OF REFERENCES	References and citations must use Harvard referencing style (see referencing guide)