A **dissertation** is a substantial piece of academic writing that presents the author's research and findings on a specific topic. It is typically required for a **doctoral degree (PhD)**, but the term is also used for **master’s level** research projects in some countries.

Here’s a breakdown of what a dissertation usually involves:

**📘 Key Features of a Dissertation**

* **Original Research**: It should contribute new knowledge or insights to the field.
* **Structured Format**: Common sections include:
  + **Introduction**: Outlines the research question and objectives.
  + **Literature Review**: Summarizes existing research and identifies gaps.
  + **Methodology**: Describes how the research was conducted.
  + **Results**: Presents the findings.
  + **Discussion**: Interprets the results and connects them to the research question.
  + **Conclusion**: Summarizes the study and suggests future research.
* **Formal Style**: Academic tone, citations, and references are essential.
* **Length**: Varies by level and field—PhD dissertations can be 100+ pages

**Purpose of a Research Proposal**

* To **present a clear research question or problem**
* To **justify the significance** of the study
* To **outline the methodology** for conducting the research
* To **demonstrate feasibility** and preparedness

**📄 Typical Structure**

1. **Title** – A concise and descriptive title of your research.
2. **Introduction** – Background information and context; introduces the topic and its relevance.
3. **Problem Statement** – Clearly defines the issue or gap your research will address.
4. **Research Objectives/Questions** – What you aim to discover or prove.
5. **Literature Review** – Summary of existing research and how your study fits in.
6. **Methodology** – Detailed plan of how you’ll conduct the research (e.g., data collection, analysis methods).
7. **Expected Outcomes** – What you hope to find or contribute.
8. **Timeline** – A schedule of key milestones.
9. **Budget (if applicable)** – Estimated costs and resources needed.
10. **References** – Sources cited in your proposal.
11. **Field of study**: IT
12. **Purpose** of the research: academic
13. Any **specific requirements**: Area of interest is: KEY ELEMENTS OF IT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION
14. Preferred **length or format**:full proposal