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COS 700 Research Methods
Project Proposal Marking Guide

The following guide will be used when your project proposal is reviewed:

Report Component	Description of ideal	Mark
Project Title	Title is detailed, but concise. Captures the essence of the proposed research.	5
Abstract	Abstract includes a brief background, problem statement, method(s) to be used and expected results. Length is good (100 – 200 words)	5
Introduction	Introduction convinces the reader that the research is relevant, necessary and timely.	10
Problem statement	Problem that the research will address is well described. Objectives and sub-objectives are specified.	10
Methodology	Methods to address objectives are well described.	10
Literature Survey	Literature survey is a critical overview of research related to the topic. Survey is well structured into logical categories and is related to student's own study. Sources are properly referenced	20
Planning	Specific tasks are broken down to cover all aspects of the project. Schedule is provided with planned dates.	10
References	References are complete (in terms of information provided), referencing style is consistent, and references cover a good range of academic publications.	10
Overall writing & presentation	Writing is clear, concise and in academic writing style. Report is neat and layout is logical.	20
Total		100