

## Reflection: Research Proposal.

Through a comprehensive and adequately developed research proposal, one can demonstrate one's intellectual maturity and suitability for graduate study. I had challenges during the literature review assignment, and it was through those challenges I strongly felt that I had not developed intellectual maturity for graduate studies. I also realised that I missed the opportunity to experience the research proposal assignment as an opportunity to express my passion for what interests me; I instead only experienced the project as an assessment.

I still believe that I have a lot to develop myself further in graduate studies, and I intend to take virtual courses in research methodologies and principles in the future to improve my skills before engaging in a dissertation project. I found it very challenging throughout the module to connect and comprehend the contents of this module. Thus, the grading has reflected how much I still need to develop before taking on a graduate dissertation project.

Despite the challenges I have mentioned above, there were important lessons I learned while I was completing the assignment. One of the lessons learned was the significance of reviewing existing research and being able to propose to contribute to the debate and add to the current form of knowledge in the field. I have also learned the significance of employing proper academic methodologies and statistical analysis when presenting the proposal, including explaining the types of evidence one intends to examine and the question one expects to answer through research.

Significantly, one should always aim for a presentable and professional project. Thus, to obtain the need for presentable and professional work, I need to further develop my skills in writing clear and coherent academic prose. The tutor highlighted that I could have proposed a better, if not best, research question than the one based on my proposal. I believe her response indicated how much I had missed the project's justification by presenting a less comprehensive research question. I have reflected on the feedback provided, reassessed my potential, and identified some areas that I need to improve. I plan to improve on my weaknesses before enrolling on the research project module.