**158.750 Assignment 3**

This assignment is for a written research proposal (with some feasible study, pilot study and initial results) using a journal template. It allows you to submit your work via Stream that will be automatically assessed by the Turnitin anti-plagiarism tool. You should be able to make multiple submissions. You can see the Turnitin results returned as a link next to your submitted document about an hour or so after submission (processing times may vary).

**Research Proposal**

This assignment is based on your Assignment One to present the research proposal for your Master’s degree or PhD project (pretend that you will study your Master’s degree or PhD).

There are some differences between Assignment One and this assignment. This assignment will have more contents:

1. It will include 5 more new references than Assignment 1. In total, you need 15 **recent relevant and high quality** references or more for your report.
2. It will have feasible study, pilot study or initial results.
3. It will have the questionnaire if you will use questionnaire.

Since this is for a Master’s or PhD project, it needs to have adequate originality to meet the standard of that level. Therefore, the originality is one of the key measurements for this proposal. Certainly, there are many other key measurements such as feasibility of the project, writing style, clearness and so on.

Here is the schedule:

* You need to submit your final proposal/report through Stream by 21/06/19.

The contents of the report need to be normally 6-10 pages (excluding references), about 2500 words (no more than 4000 words).

The structure of the proposal is as the following:

1. Title
2. Abstract
3. Introduction (Research Questions and Hypotheses can be listed here)
4. Background and Literature review (lead to Research Questions and Hypotheses)
5. Methodology
6. Possible conclusions
7. References (no more than 2 pages, not account to the 6 pages of the report)

In the literature review section, you need to *critically* review about 15 or more papers in total *recent* (2015 or after), *high-quality* (in high quality journals), *relevant* (related to the topic and your research questions) publications. Certainly, your review may need to include other references that were published before 2015.

All references are ideally in the same format as that in the journal.

The marks of this report are 40 towards the final 100 marks of this paper.

One day late submission will result in 20% penalty. Two days 20% penalty, 3 days 60% and 4 days 80%, and 5 days 100% penalty.  In other words, if you submit your assignment 3 days late and your submission can get 20 marks, then you only get 8 marks.

**Plagiarism:**

Massey University, College of Sciences, has taken a firm stance on plagiarism and any form

of cheating. Plagiarism is the copying or paraphrasing of another person’s work, whether

published or unpublished, without clearly acknowledging it. It includes copying the work of

other students. Plagiarism will be penalised; it is likely to lead to loss of marks for that item

of assessment and may lead to an automatic failing grade for the paper and/or exclusion from

enrolment at the University.

**Marking**

The marker will mark your assignments within two weeks. If you have any concerns regarding your marks, please let me know.