

**BOARD OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

**POSTGRADUATE CONCEPT PAPER TEMPLATE**

**Introduction:**

A concept paper is meant to give your School and Department an idea of your proposed area of research interest. This will enable marshalling of the necessary assistance for you to develop a research proposal. The student is encouraged to be as specific as possible in providing the necessary information.

The following areas should be included in the concept paper:

1. **Title of Proposed Study:** Indicate the proposed title of the study
2. **Area of Study:** Indicate the area of the suggested study
3. **Background to the Study:** Give a brief (paragraph) of the background of the study. Briefly indicate what is the gap in Knowledge and why does this research need to be conducted.
4. **Objectives of the Study**: Write down the what the study hopes to achieve.
5. **Research Questions** and/or Hypotheses: State the research questions and/or hypothesis generated from the objectives.
6. **Theoretical Framework:** Indicate the theory(s) you will use in analyzing your material.
7. **Research Methodology:** Indicate the proposed research design, research methods/Procedures that you will use to conduct the study
8. **Bibliography:** Indicate the references used in the writing of the concept paper in APA format.

The concept paper should be in written in New Times Roman, Font size 12, double spaced and not more than 5 pages.

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