

A sample research proposal with comments

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Writing Effective Comments on Research Proposals**

How to Comment on a Research Proposal

When providing comments on a research proposal, consider the following:

- **Be Constructive and Specific:** Offer specific suggestions for improvement rather than general criticisms.
- **Focus on the Structure and Content:** Evaluate the proposal's clarity, organization, and logical flow.
- **Consider the Methodology:** Assess the proposed research methods for their validity, feasibility, and relevance.
- **Question Assumptions and Findings:** Identify any unsupported claims or assumptions and suggest alternative perspectives.
- **Provide Positive Remarks:** Acknowledge strengths and areas of improvement to balance your feedback.

How to Write a Good Comment

- **Start with a Positive Note:** Begin with a brief statement of appreciation for the researcher's effort.
- **Identify Specific Points:** Clearly state the areas you wish to comment on.
- **Use Polite Language:** Frame your comments respectfully and avoid personal attacks.
- **Suggest Alternatives:** Offer constructive solutions to address issues you raise.

- **End on a Positive Note:** Reiterate your support or encourage the researcher to make revisions.

Effective Comments

- Provide constructive criticism that helps improve the proposal.
- Offer specific suggestions for improvement rather than general comments.
- Support your comments with evidence from the proposal or your own knowledge.
- Respect the researcher's point of view, even if you disagree.
- Be professional and avoid personal attacks.

How to Structure a Research Proposal

A typical research proposal includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Research Questions
- Methodology
- Expected Results
- Conclusion

Writing a Research Proposal for a Master's Degree

- **Follow University Guidelines:** Adhere to any specific formatting or content requirements.
- **Choose a Relevant Topic:** Select a topic that aligns with your research interests and academic objectives.
- **Develop a Clear Research Question:** Define your study's purpose and scope.
- **Conduct a Comprehensive Literature Review:** Review existing research to establish a foundation for your study.

- **Design a Valid Methodology:** Explain your research methods and justify their choice.
- **Anticipate Your Results:** Outline your expected findings based on your methodology.
- **Write a Strong Conclusion:** Summarize your key findings and discuss their implications.

Writing a Reviewer Comment Sample

Section: Introduction **Comment:** The introduction provides a good overview of the topic and its relevance to the field. However, it would be beneficial to include more specific details about the research gap and how your study aims to address it.

Section: Methodology **Comment:** The proposed research design appears sound. Consider providing a more detailed explanation of the data collection and analysis methods to ensure reproducibility.

Section: Results **Comment:** The expected results are clearly presented. Consider incorporating additional data or visuals to support your anticipated findings.

Overall Evaluation:

- **Strengths:** The proposal presents a well-defined research question and a relevant literature review. The methodology is appropriate for the study's purpose.
- **Areas for Improvement:** Enhance the introduction by providing more specific information on the research gap. Provide more details on the data collection and analysis methods in the methodology section. Include additional data or visuals in the results section to support the expected findings.

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