

# Research Proposal Template

The research proposal must:

- be in English
- be a minimum of 1,000 words and maximum of 3500 words
- be fully referenced

The research proposal should include:

## 1. Project Title

Provide a short descriptive title of no more than 20 words.

## 2. Project Summary

In no more than 100 words, provide a summary of the proposed research project in language comprehensible to someone outside your field.

## 3. Background

Describe the status quo of relevant research in the area and identify a gap in knowledge or activities that must be filled to move the field forward.

## 4. Objectives and Research Questions

Describe the objectives or the intended outcomes of the project. Explain the research questions and may include the hypothesis or problem to be addressed.

## 5. Theoretical Framework and Methods

Describe the research design and methods of analysis you will use to accomplish the objectives.

## 6. Significance / Contribution of the Proposed Research

Explain the likely significance of your research and how it will impact the research field.

## 7. Research Plan and Timeline

Summarise the key actions and milestones of the proposed research. A Gantt chart is useful in illustrating the various stages and activities of research, in terms of a schedule to meet time-lines.

## 8. References

Provide bibliographic details of all references cited, adopting a standardised format.