

Research proposal guideline for PhD applicants

Title Page	A working title of the proposed research is presented. However, this may not be the finalized title of your research project, but it has to indicate the desired area of research.
Table of Contents	A table of content is provided for easier follow-up.
Abstract	A brief overview of the general idea of study (approximately 300 words).
Introduction	In introduction PhD applicant should initially explain the proposal by emphasizing a problem, purpose, research questions, objectives, and approaches you are planning to take.
Literature Review and Theoretical Framework	PhD applicant supposed to develop your proposal in a way to demonstrate that you are aware of the important issues, themes, and debates in the relevant literature as well as identifying existing gaps (both theoretical and practical). The literature should be directed toward the development of the theoretical framework in a way of engaging with key articles and texts that show the understanding of them as well as their relevancy to the proposed research. PhD applicant has to be aware that PhD is an original piece of work and that contribution to the field is emphasized.
Methodology	PhD applicant needs to explain what methods of investigation he/she is planning to utilize within the research (whether quantitative or qualitative or both), providing some justification for why they are the most appropriate.
Timeline/Research Planning	PhD applicant is required to develop an outline of the timescale of the research, indicating how long different tasks are envisaged to take and the sequence of the project in the time available.
References	PhD applicant is required to include a list of references to key articles and texts that are both cited within the research proposal and provided as a bibliography at the end of the proposal. Your references are formatted in accordance to APA style.

Good luck!