

Annexure: Research Proposal Guidelines. CRS

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YOUR TITLE

A RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED IN PARTIAL/ FULFILMENT

OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF

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OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA

BY

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Name of student

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Student Number

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Month and year

Main Supervisor:

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PROJECTS PROPOSAL FORMAT

Your proposal should be typed using Times New Roman **size font 12, double line spacing** and should not be more than **8 pages for Masters by course work, 10 pages for Masters by research and 15 pages for PhD** (including references) use the prescribed referencing style.

The proposal should have the following HEADINGS (and subheadings):

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Orientation to the study

General overview of your study, using key literature pieces, stating research concerns, disagreements, controversies, gaps in the literature and/or knowledge, unanswered questions and whatever makes your topic worth researching

1.2 Statement of the problem

Concisely formulate the research problem by indicating research issue(s) you would like to investigate and clearly indicating the purpose(s) of your study.

1.3 Research questions and/or objectives of the study

Based on the problem statement of your research state the objectives and research questions of your study.

1.4 Hypothesis of the study (where applicable)

Where possible and based on the problem statement, state a testable hypothesis of the study. These are explanations made on the basis of limited evidence as a starting point for further investigation (every research has some sort of a hypothesis – an educated guess)

1.5 Significance of the study

State the importance and the anticipated contributions of your study to knowledge, community and/or society.

1.6 Limitation of the study

The researcher identified what hindered the successful completion of the study, indicating the logistical and resource limitations of your study. Also, explaining why and how these hindrances to the studies were overcome.

1.7 Delimitations of the study

The researcher indicated the “borders” of his/her study, i.e. specified how far and wide the study was carried out (indicating the scope of your study).

2. LITERATURE REVIEW/THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Prepare a comprehensive, critical, synthesized and integrated literature reviews which demonstrated that you read and you understand your study and demonstrates the justification of your study. The reviews should show gaps in knowledge, unanswered questions, disagreements, controversies and/or methodological shortcomings. The reviews should also demonstrate what has been done in research areas on interest and what remains uninvestigated.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research design

State the approach and design of your study and the reasons why you think that is the appropriate approach and design of that particular study. Also indicate how you intend to use the particular research approach (es) and design(s).

3.2 Population of the study

Specify the population where you will draw your sample and where you would like to generalize your research findings. Every research (study) has a population.

3.3 Sampling procedures

Clearly explain how you intend to draw samples and specify the sampling procedure(s) you intend to use, how you will use it and why that particular sampling procedure(s).

3.4 Research Instruments

Specify and describe the research instruments/measure that would be used to collect data and state why these would be the appropriate tools that would give you the data that you need to answer your research questions or achieve the research objectives.

3.5 Data collection methods/procedures

State and describe the manner in which data would be collected and how research instruments would be used to collect data.

3.6 Data analysis

Provide specific methods and/or strategies that you would employ (use) to analyse the collected data. Provide explanations (reasons) why those are the appropriate data analysis methods for your study.

4 RESEARCH ETHICS

Provide information how you will observe research ethics when conducting your study (every research/study must furnish ethical ways of doing things).

5 REFERENCES

Using the prescribed referencing style) style/format, provide a references list of all the sources you used in your proposal (see the grading criteria for the minimum).