

A Research Proposal Guide

Working Title: [Title of Your Research Proposal]

1. Introduction

- Briefly introduce the context of your research topic.
- State the general aim of your research project.

Guiding Questions:

- What is the focus of your research within the realm of the research context?
- Why is this topic important for researchers and practitioners?

2. Background

- Summarize existing research on your topic.
- Identify key concepts, models, and theories that will serve as the foundation for your research.
- Discuss how your research is novel and how it will contribute to the existing literature.
- Clearly state the research problem or question you aim to address.
- Outline the specific objectives of your research.
- Clearly state the expected outcomes of your research.

Guiding Questions:

- What are the key concepts, models, and theories relevant to your research topic?
- How does your research question relate to the existing literature?
- What will your research add to the existing body of knowledge?
- What is the specific research problem or question you aim to address?
- What are the specific objectives of your research?
- What outcomes do you expect from your research?

3. Methodology

- Describe the research design (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-methods).
- Explain the data collection methods (e.g., surveys, interviews, observations) and sampling strategy.
- Discuss the data analysis techniques (e.g., statistical analysis, thematic analysis) you will use.
- If applicable, address any ethical considerations for your research.

Guiding Questions:

- What research design will you employ and why?
- What data collection and analysis methods will you use and why?
- How will you select your sample?
- Are there any ethical considerations you need to address?

4. Limitations

- Discuss the limitations of your research design, data collection, and analysis methods.
- Define the scope of your research and any boundaries you will set.

Guiding Questions:

- What are the limitations of your chosen research design and methods?
- What are the delimitations of your research (i.e., the boundaries you have set)?

5. Timeline

- Provide a realistic timeline for completing your research project, including milestones and deadlines.

Guiding Questions:

- What are the key milestones and deadlines for your research project?
- How do you plan to allocate your time to ensure timely completion?

6. Expected Contributions

- Summarize the potential contributions of your research to the field and its practical implications.

Guiding Questions:

- How will your research contribute to the theoretical understanding of the initial research problem?
- What practical implications can be derived from your research findings?

7. References

- List all the sources you have cited in your research proposal using an appropriate citation style.

Guiding Questions:

- Have you cited all relevant sources in your research proposal?
- Have you followed a consistent citation style throughout your proposal?