

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS BY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES

The Research Proposal should be in the form of a report in Harvard or an acceptable reference format and should not exceed 2000 words.

1. **Tentative title** (*The exact title can be finalised at least 3 months prior to the submission of the thesis*)
 2. **Statement of the problem**
 3. **Rationale of the study**
 4. **Objectives of the study**
 5. **Brief Literature Review**
 6. **Methodology**
 7. **Expected Output**
 8. **Research plan (Time Frame)/Activity (Gantt) Chart***
 9. **Cost of Research Work***
 - (a)(i) Equipment/Consumables
Specific instruments
 - (ii) Surveys/data collection/experiments/fieldwork
 - (iii) Others (please specify)
 - (b) Proposed sources of funding
Self or sponsored
10. **Special requirements for the project**
(Ethical clearance, Import permit, storage, health, safety & security hazards, etc.)

The Supervisor Agreement Form (Form SA1) duly completed and signed should be included in the submission of the research proposal

**Both the research plan (8) and cost of research work (9) should be submitted according to the minimum time-frame for the degree.*