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).*