

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS BY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES

The Research Proposal should include the following sections:

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 (to be submitted according to the minimum time-frame for the degree)
9. Cost of Research Work (to be submitted according to the minimum time-frame for the degree)

Items <i>(Please provide details under each item)</i>	Years					
	Year 1 (Rs)	Year 2 (Rs)	Year 3 (Rs)	Year 4 (Rs)	Year 5 (Rs)	Total (Rs)
Consumables						
Equipment						
Tests						
Other <i>(please specify)</i>						

To provide source(s) of funding

10. Special requirements for the project

(Ethical clearance, Import permit, storage, health, safety & security hazards, etc.).

11. Frequency of Meetings with the Supervisor

A minimum number of twelve meetings is expected per year.

12. References

Physical format of the research proposal

- The research proposal should be between 2000- 4000 words (*excluding references*);
- The research proposal must be typed, justified and printed on one side of the paper only using 1½ line

spacing, characters of 12 pt and font type of 'Times New Roman' or 'Arial';

- The left margin used for binding shall not be less than 40 mm while all other margins shall not be less than 20 mm;
- The pages shall be numbered consecutively throughout the research proposal. Page numbers shall be located centrally at the bottom of the page approximately 10 mm above the edge;
- Each applicant should adhere to the system of referencing as per 'The UoM Guide to the Harvard System of Referencing' when writing up the research proposal.

Important Note:

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

In the event that the applicant has two (2) or more Supervisors, s/he will also have to include the Supervisors' Table in the research proposal.

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