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GUIDELINES ON WRITING RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Research proposals are essential for outlining the purpose, objectives, and methodology of your study. While there are no strict rules governing their format and content, the structure and details of a research proposal may differ based on the specific research problem. Nevertheless, it's recommended to consider the following step-by-step guide when preparing a research proposal. A well-crafted research proposal should be easily understood, brief, and logically organized.

A proposal is likely to contain most of the elements listed in the table below:

Component	Characteristics
Research title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear, concise, and descriptive title that reflects the research topic. • Include keywords that depict the essence of your study. • These should effectively convey the central topic or subject you intend to explore. • Keep them concise and descriptive, providing a clear sense of your research's main focus or theme.
Background & Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the context or historical context related to the main subject or theme of the proposed project. • Provide an introduction to the research problem. • Define the research question or hypothesis. • Explain the significance and relevance of the study.
The problem statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the issues associated with the research and the specific problem(s) you intend to investigate. • Additionally, provide the justification for the entire study.
Objectives/Aims of Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly state the research objectives or questions your study aims to address. • State a statement that defines the purpose of the study.
Literature review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing literature related to your research topic. • Identify gaps in the current knowledge or areas that need further exploration. • Explain how your research fits within the context of existing work. • Include references to significant texts and recently published articles. • Your objective should be to illustrate that your proposed research area is distinct from previous efforts and carries an element of novelty.
Methodology/Research design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the research methods you plan to use, such as surveys, experiments, case studies, interviews, or data analysis. • Explain the rationale for choosing these methods. • Discuss data collection techniques and tools. • Explain your intended approach to tackling the research question(s), detailing the methods and reasoning you will employ to address it.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should encompass how you will collect data and your research strategy, which encompasses the research design, experimental methodologies, and statistical analysis techniques.
Data Analysis:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the statistical or analytical techniques you will use to analyze the data. Discuss any software or tools required for analysis.
Ethical Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address ethical issues, including informed consent, privacy, and potential risks to participants. Explain how you plan to obtain ethical approval if needed.
Significance/ Expected outcomes of the study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline the anticipated benefits of conducting the research.
Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a timeline that outlines the key milestones and deadlines for your research project.
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an estimated budget for your research, including expenses related to data collection, equipment, travel, and other resources.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the main points of the proposal. Reiterate the significance of your research.
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication details of literature cited. The referencing system should be consistent and contain the names of authors, the name of the book/journal, the year of publication, the volume, the issue, and the page number. List all the sources you have cited in your proposal using a consistent citation style (e.g., APA, MLA).
Appendices (if necessary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include any additional information or documents that support your proposal, such as survey instruments, questionnaires, or supplementary data.

Additional Guidelines:

- Keep your proposal well-structured, using clear headings and subheadings.
- Use a formal, academic tone.
- Ensure proper spelling, grammar, and formatting.
- Tailor your proposal to the specific requirements of the funding agency, institution, or audience to which you are submitting it.
- A research proposal is usually about 5-10 pages (double-spaced, Times New Roman, font 12).
- It must be of adequate length to address the question of what you plan to accomplish why you want to and how you are going to do it.
- Remember that research proposals can vary in length and complexity depending on the nature of the research and the specific guidelines of the organization or institution to which you are submitting it. Be sure to follow their instructions carefully and adapt the proposal as needed.
