

Research Proposal Template

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Any research proposal requires the following format. You may divide your proposal into the following sections, using the subheadings for each section. It may be necessary to divide some sections into subsections with their own headings.

(1) Introduction

This section should define the specific question being addressed and explain or rationalize why it is interesting or important to address the question.

(2) Literature Review

Describe what is already known about the research question being addressed. This should include empirical studies from refereed journals.

(3) Research Design (Methodology)

Explain what techniques you plan to use to address the problem of interest and where possible, justify why your approach may be superior. Be sure to include the following: (1) research design (2) sample technique (3) sample size (4) criteria for inclusion in the study (5) recruitment process (6) data collection (7) data analysis (8) validity and reliability (9) protection of human participants (10) limitations of the study.

(4) Findings or Results

Here you will report what the data showed. You may use sub-headings for the findings.

(5) Discussion

This section includes a summary of the study and findings, concluding with implications for research, practice, and policy

References

APA Style formatting in the body or text, and provide the full citation (including all authors, full title) at the end of the proposal.