

FORMAT FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL
(To be submitted to the Chairperson of the Department)

Name of the candidate	
Name of the Research Guide	
Department of Studies in	
Provisional Registration Number & Date	
Area of Research	
Grade obtained in Ph.D Course Work Examination	

1. Title of the research problem

2. Relevance of the study and present status of knowledge

- * Establish the purpose of the study (based on previous research)
- * Overview of the issues to be examined
- * Identify the context and background of study
- * Review important literature relevant to the problem and cite key references dealing with issues in the problem
- * Show how results in the research literature are related to the study
- * Indicate how the proposed study relates to other research and the contribution it might make to gaps in existing knowledge.

3. Definition of research problem

- * State the research problem clearly and concisely
- * Care should be taken to judge whether the questions are manageable and worthwhile
- * Identify the assumption made in the Study
- * Indicate awareness of its limitations and delimitations

4. Objectives of the study

- * State clearly the objectives of the study to be undertaken

5. Hypotheses of the study

- * State the hypotheses, if any

(formal research hypotheses become necessary especially in quantitative research)

6. Research methodology

- * The Methods and techniques, to collect and analyse data
- * Participants involved
- * The order in which various procedures will be used
- * Timing of different procedures
- * Data gathering instruments
- * Statistical design (if any)
- * Statistical analysis (if any)

7. Time framework

- * State the time-line of the whole research to be undertaken stepwise.

Signature of the Candidate

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Signature of the Chairman