

Research Proposal Guidelines

1. Abstract (250 words)

Summarise the points made in the research proposal, answering the three main questions of WHAT, WHY and HOW.

2. WHAT do you want to know; what questions are you interested in answering?

What are the key objectives of the research?
How does this question fit in within the broader context and existing knowledge on this topic?

3. WHY are you interested in this topic? Why is it important?

How will this research contribute the general field of knowledge about this topic? What new knowledge will it generate?
How will it help create change towards a better society?

4. HOW can best answer your research question/ reach your objective?

What research tools/ methodology you think will be most useful in reaching your research objectives?
What is your research work plan, and what are the outlines the main research tasks and timings?