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**Format of the M.Phil./Ph.D. Research Project Proposal**

Prepare the M.Phil./Ph.D. research project proposal according to the following format. Limit the length of the proposal to 3000 - 5000 words excluding, figures, tables, references and appendices.

Format: Page size A4; font Times Roman 12 points; margins 1" top and bottom, 0.75" left and right; line spacing 1.5.

# Title of the Research Project

The title should be clear, precise and informative of the focus of the study. It should reflect the essence of the research and be easy to understand.

# Background and Significance

This should include a brief review of related literature, clearly defined research question, hypothesis/eses and significance/s of the study.

# Objective/s

State general and specific objective/s of the research.

# Research Design and methods

* + Outline the overall research approach and briefly describe experimental methods, data collection and analysis.
  + Wherever applicable, define the population or sample of the study, and discuss sampling methods and sample size.
  + If instruments like questionnaires or interviews are used in selecting study subjects and gathering data, provide details.
  + Indicate how ethical concerns will be addressed, including informed consent, confidentiality, and any potential risks to participants wherever applicable.
  + Indicate the status of obtaining permission from the relevant authorities for sample collection if required.

# Time Schedule

Provide a realistic time schedule\* for completing the research, breaking it down to key phases (e.g. literature review, gathering samples, data collection and analysis, publications, thesis writing, etc.)

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| Activity | Months  1-6 | Months  7-12 | Months  13-18 | Month  19-24 | Months  25-30 | Months  31-36 |
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\*For part-time candidates amend the table accordingly

# References

Provide a list of references cited in the proposal. Follow **an** appropriate citation style throughout the list.

# Appendices (if applicable)

Include any supplementary material that supports the proposal (e.g., survey instruments, interview guides, tables, charts).