

# RESEARCH PROPOSAL

## (SEM-II, UNIT IV)

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- ◉ A Research proposal describes
  - what you will investigate
  - why it is important
  - how will you do the research
- ◉ The goal of a Research Proposal is:
  1. To present and justify the need to study a research problem
  2. To present the practical ways of in which the proposed study should be conducted

# WRITING A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

- ◉ Regardless of the research problem you are investigating and the methodology you choose , all research proposals must address the following questions:
  1. What do you plan to accomplish?
  2. Why do you want to do the research?
  3. How are you going to conduct the research?

# STRUCTURE & WRITING STYLE

- ◉ A Research proposal should include the following sections:
- ◉ Introduction
- ◉ Background and Significance
- ◉ Literature review
- ◉ Research design and methods
- ◉ Preliminary suppositions and Implications
- ◉ Conclusion
- ◉ Citations

# INTRODUCTION

- ◉ The first step in getting approval to write a Doctoral Dissertation(thesis)
- ◉ Treat your introduction as the initial pitch of an idea or a thorough examination of the significance of research problem
- ◉ Readers should have a clear understanding of what you want to do
- ◉ They should also be able to gain a sense of your passion for the topic and to be excited about the study's possible outcomes.

# BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

- ◉ This is where you explain the content of your proposal
- ◉ Describe in detail why is it important
- ◉ Can be melded into your introduction
- ◉ Approach writing this section with the thought that your readers don't know much about the problem
- ◉ Choose what is most relevant in explaining the aims of your research
- ◉ Don't write an essay

# LITERATURE REVIEW

- ◉ The Purpose here is to place your project within the larger whole of what is currently being explored
- ◉ To give a more deliberate review and synthesis of prior studies related to the research problem under investigation
- ◉ Think about what questions other researchers have asked, what methods they have used, what is your understanding of their findings

# RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

- ◉ This section should lay out, in clear terms, the way in which you will structure your research and the specific methods you will use
- ◉ Must be well written and logically organised
- ◉ The objective here is to convince the reader that your overall research design and proposed methods of analysis will correctly address the problem and interpret the potential results



# PRELIMINARY SUPPOSITIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

- ◉ The purpose here is to argue how and in what ways you believe your research will refine, revise or extend existing knowledge in the subject area
- ◉ To reflect upon gaps or understudied areas of the current literature
- ◉ To describe how your proposed research contributes to a new understanding of the research problem

# CONCLUSION

- ◉ To reiterate the importance or significance of your proposal and provide a brief summary of the entire study
- ◉ Should be only one or two paragraphs long
- ◉ Emphasize why the research problem is worth investigating and how it should advance the existing knowledge.

# CITATIONS

- ◉ One must cite the sources used
- ◉ In a standard research proposal this section can take two forms: References & Bibliography
  - References:** Lists only the literature that you actually used or cited in your proposal
  - Bibliography:** Lists everything you used or cited in your proposal.

**Thank You**