

# **REVIEWING A RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

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***WHILE THERE IS NO FIXED STRUCTURE OR GENRE FOR A WRITTEN RESEARCH PROPOSAL, IT WILL GENERALLY CONTAIN CLEAR STATEMENTS AND JUSTIFICATION OF:***

Purpose of the research

Rationale

Paradigm

Theoretical framework

Research questions

Literature review

Methods( of data collection and analysis)

Activities, timelines and budget



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## Guidelines

Is the title appropriate & does it reflect the gist of the proposal

Taken as a whole, is the proposal consistent? eg, is the methodology appropriate to the question and is the question answered in the conclusion



Is the proposed research original, & will it contribute something new to the field?

Is the research question of purpose clearly stated, & is the context in which it is answered made explicit? Is its importance justified?



Does the proposal draw on the latest & most relevant research findings on the topic?

Is it located within a relevant theoretical conceptual framework?

Is it clearly written and organised?



# Is the design and planned execution of the methodology adequate in relation to the question?

(depending on the design, this question may have to be answered in a number of ways.

In qualitative designs issues of dependability and interpretation are important.

In quantitative designs, issues of reliability and validity should be considered.)



**Are the results likely to answer the question asked?**

**Will justifiable conclusions be possible?**

**Is the research likely to yield insight and originality?**

**Is it likely to be useful (and to whom)?**



**Does the proposal satisfy accepted criteria for academic writing in terms of coherence, grammar, layout and organisation?**

Do the references adhere to APA standards

