

Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli-620024

Name and address of the Supervisor:

Name and address of the Candidate:

Title of the Research Proposal:

Follow the below guidelines for the Research Proposal:

Guidelines to Submit Research Proposal for Ph.D. Registration

As per the regulations of Bharathidasan University, a candidate willing to register for Ph.D. has to submit a detailed research proposal with the concurrence of the proposed Research Supervisor to the Departmental Research Committee.

The purpose of the research proposal is to present clearly and precisely the nature and scope of the research problem. The research proposal must be long enough having a minimum of **500 words** explaining the research problem.

Research proposal shall be neatly typed in A4 Sheet with portrait orientation having margin of 1 inch in all sides. The text must be in Times New Roman having font size of 12 points with line spacing of 1.5 (14 points bold for title, 12 points bold for sub-headings) and margin justified for body-text.

The format of research proposal should cover the following heads:

1. Proposed Topic of Research

The topic must reflect the area of the proposed research problem. Avoid broad general topic and the proposed topic of research must be written in capital letters not exceeding 25 words.

2. Background of the Research Proposal

The background of the research proposal should include the following

2.1. Introduction

This sub-section shall present the prominence of broad subject area of proposed topic of research.

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2.2. Review of the Literature

A broad summary of the present status of work, unresolved issues needing research in the chosen area can be highlighted as theoretical background of the proposal. To identify the research gap, a detailed contemporary literature from current research journals that present status of research topic from existing literature can be written.

2.3. Statement of the Research Problem

Unsolved issues on the topic of research and the importance of the proposed project in the context of current status are to be given in this part, besides unfolding the different dimension of the Research Problem.

3. Objectives of the Proposed Research

Based on the present-day literature and research done in the chosen area, the perception of the research work must be clearly provided. The objectives should be given point-wise (minimum 3-4 points), precisely mentioning the things to be achieved as an outcome of the research.

4. Methodology

A detailed methodology that provides the information on experimental / infrastructural / computing facilities / sampling / data collection / variables for the research work must be provided. The year-wise work plan with brief explanation in investigating the proposed research problem shall be given.

5. Expected Outcome

The expected outcome of the proposed research and the possible utilization of research outcome shall be suggested.

6. References

Top priority shall be given to the current literature covering at least 50-60% from the reputed journal articles / books published in the last ten years. The citation of literature must be done in anyone of the standard styles such as American Psychological Association (APA) / Modern Language Association (MLA) / Harvard Referencing / Oxford Referencing / Council of Scientific Editors / American Chemical Society / American Institute of Physics.

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