

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING RESEARCH PROPOSALS

This guide includes an outline that looks like a "fill-in the blanks model". So, please study these Guidelines carefully and incorporate the instructions in the proposal before submission.

GENERAL

- The order of the layout suggested in the Proposal template **CANNOT BE** changed and the suggested headings have to be **restrictedly** followed.
- The research proposal should not be too long NOT EXCEEDING 10 pages (for M.Sc.) and 12 pages (for Ph.D.).
- **Page setup: A4 paper size. The line spacing 1.5 including the cover page, 12pt font size and Times New Roman font style.**
- For proper and efficient writing the proposal, we advise you to write your proposal in a non-locked MS word, **then COPY and PASTE each section separately.**

The Title

- The title should be concise and informative. Avoid abbreviations where possible.

The Introduction

- The Introduction section **should not exceed 3 pages** including figures and tables. If you exceed this limit, **the proposal will be returned back** to you and will not be evaluated.
- Use reference citations (**Vancouver style**). Please ensure that every reference cited in the text is also present in the reference list (and vice versa).

Research Objectives

- Objectives of the research should be divided into main and subsidiary objectives, and should be numbered (4-5 objectives). In writing the proposal, it is important to remain focused on the objectives.

Materials and Methods

- Provide sufficient detail on the Materials and Methods used. Methods already published should be indicated by a reference: only relevant modifications should be described.
- Subsections of the Materials or Methods should be numbered as 3.1.1 then 3.1.2., 3.1.3....etc.
- If the Statistical Analysis section is not applicable for your study, then write "N/A" in the text.

References

- Example of the reference style (Vancouver):
Kimes BW, Brandt BL. Properties of a clonal muscle cell line from rat heart.
Exp Cell Res. 1976;98(2):367-81.
- **The maximum number of references used is 30 but not exceeding 3 pages length. Please try not to exceed this limit as the proposal will be returned back without any evaluation.**