

Ph.D. Research Proposal Cover Page

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Description.

The research proposal is a description of the research which the student intends to undertake and which will be reported in a detailed, comprehensive fashion in the completed dissertation. It offers the student an opportunity to convince the supervisory committee of the appropriateness of the research topic, as well as of his/her capability to pursue the projected topic to a successful conclusion.

Instructions.

The research proposal must be submitted to the supervisory committee after the student passes the preliminary exam and before beginning dissertation research. The student must provide an oral presentation at least one week after submitting the proposal. A revised proposal (with approval signatures from all thesis supervisory committee members) must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies within two weeks after the presentation.

The research proposal narrative may be a maximum of 20 pages, and must include:

1. Problem Statement. The definition of the problem to be investigated, including its scope.
2. Objectives. Objectives of the project, clearly stated in terms that lend themselves to observation and/or measurement.
3. Present Status of the Problem. Summary of pertinent previous research in the field, documented with citations from the literature. Must demonstrate the relation of the material cited to the present problem.
4. Procedure. Approach and steps to be taken to achieve objectives. Must include nature of data and the procedure(s) to be employed in the analysis of the data, and state clearly how the research will be done.
5. Expected Results and Schedule. Expected results from the research work, including an outline and plan to accomplish the research work in the time remaining prior to defense.

Student Information: (please print or type)

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Approval Recommended:

MAJOR PROFESSOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
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Comments of the Supervisory Committee on This Proposal: