

**Postgraduate Research Proposal**

### **1. Title of the Proposal**

**Proposal Title:** An Investigation of [Topic/Area of Study]

### **2. Introduction**

* **Background:** Provide a brief background of the subject area, highlighting its importance and relevance to your field of study.
* **Research Problem:** Clearly state the problem your research aims to address.
* **Research Questions:** List the main questions that your research will answer.
* **Purpose of the Research:** Explain what you hope to achieve by carrying out this research.

### **3. Literature Review**

* **Key Theories and Models:** Discuss the main theories, models, or frameworks that relate to your research topic.
* **Previous Studies:** Summarize significant studies that have addressed similar issues.
* **Gaps in Research:** Identify any gaps in the existing literature that your study will attempt to fill.

### **4. Research Methodology**

* **Research Design:** Describe whether the study is qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods and explain why this approach is suitable.
* **Data Collection Methods:** Specify the methods you will use to collect data (e.g., surveys, interviews, experiments).
* **Sampling:** Detail your sampling method and the size and characteristics of the sample.
* **Data Analysis:** Outline the techniques you will use to analyze the data.

### **5. Ethical Considerations**

* **Ethical Approval:** Mention any ethical approvals needed or received.
* **Participant Consent:** Describe how you will ensure informed consent from participants.
* **Data Protection:** Explain how you will protect the data and maintain confidentiality.

### **6. Expected Outcomes**

* **Research Contribution:** Discuss the potential contributions of your research to the field.
* **Practical Implications:** Explain how your findings might be applied in practical settings.

### **7. Timeline**

* **Schedule:** Provide a detailed timeline for the completion of each phase of your research.

### **8. Budget**

* **Funding Requirements:** Itemize the budget required for various elements of the research such as materials, travel, and any stipends.

### **9. References**

* **Bibliography:** List all the academic sources referenced in your proposal in an appropriate academic style.

### **10. Appendices**

* **Additional Documents:** Include any supporting materials that are relevant to the research proposal, such as questionnaires or detailed tables.