

Research Proposal Guidelines

Purpose of Research Proposal: This is to prepare you to write your thesis and have a good understanding about your research area. To produce your thesis as demanded, it is always a best idea to articulate as precisely as possible what you are planning to achieve and how you intend to approach it. Documenting a road map in advance will assist to properly approach your research in the best possible manner and to avoid potential pitfalls in your idea. In addition to the main purpose identified, this task will give you a sense of practice into something you will likely find yourself doing throughout your professional career. To get you into the picture, research proposals are regularly demanded for so many things from master's and doctoral thesis to grant applications and proposition for change. In such a case, your goal is to convince the reviewer(s) with respect to the merits, feasibility, or why your request (for the grant) should be considered. Your research proposals should include the followings:

Title Page:

To be precise, preferably not more than 18 words.

Table of Contents:

This should include all the headings in your research proposal.

Abstract

Introduction of the title, issues/problem statement, objectives, methodology, expected findings or significance of the research.

Chapter One (Introduction):

- 1.1. Introduction to the Chapter
- 1.1 Background of the Study
- 1.2 Problem Statement
- 1.3 Research Objectives
- 1.4 Research Questions
- 1.5 Scope of the Research
- 1.6 The Significance of the Research
- 1.7 Definition of Terms
- 1.8 Chapter Summary

Chapter Two (Literature Review):

- 2.1 Introduction to the Chapter
- 2.2 Overview of your Research Area
- 2.3 Relevant Discussion on Halal and Toyyib
- 2.4 Discussion of Relevant Concepts, Theories and/or Theoretical Underpinning, (if any)
- 2.5 Review of Empirical Past Literature
- 2.7 Conceptual Framework (for Quantitative Study)
- 2.8 Chapter Summary

Chapter Three (Research Methodology):

- 3.1 Introduction to the Chapter
- 3.2 Philosophical Assumption
- 3.3 Research Design
- 3.4 Research Population
- 3.5 Sampling Procedure and Sample Size
- 3.6 Research Instrument
- 3.7 Data Collection Plan
- 3.8 Data Analysis Procedures

Format:

- Times New Roman (12 font)/Arial (11 font)
- Double spacing.
- Maximum 40 pages.

3.9 Chapter Summary

Research Gantt Chart/Milestone

References (APA or CHICAGO Formats; single spaces)