

BS Research Proposal Template

1. Topic

The research topic must be specific, clear, and comprehensive, avoiding generic or overly broad phrasing. If applicable, use a main title with an optional subtitle separated by a colon.

2. Introduction/Background

In this section, introduce the topic by providing context and background information. This should briefly explain why the topic is relevant and significant in International Relations. You should include a brief statement of the issue being investigated and its importance.

3. Statement of the Problem

This section will provide a concise description of the issue or gap that the research seeks to address. It will clearly explain why the problem is significant, outline its context, and highlight its impact or urgency. The statement sets the stage for the research objectives and questions, establishing the rationale for the study. It shall be a clear, contextual, significant, and focused statement.

4. Literature Review

This section will provide a comprehensive survey of scholarly sources relevant to the proposed study. It provides a summary and critical analysis of existing research to contextualize the study and highlight gaps the research will address.

5. Objectives

It will provide what the study aims to achieve. These will be clear, specific, and measurable goals that outline the intended outcomes of the research. They guide the research process and help in evaluating the success of the project.

6. Hypothesis

It will be a tentative statement reflecting on the relationship between variables based on existing knowledge and theories. It serves as a foundation for the research and guides data collection and analysis.

7. Research Questions

A research question has to be the specific query that the study seeks to address. It will serve as the foundation of the research, guiding the focus and direction of the investigation. A well-

formulated research question identifies the problem or issue to be studied and provides a clear purpose for the research.

8. Research Methodology

It refers to the approach and techniques used to investigate the research question or hypothesis. It outlines how data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted to achieve the study's objectives.

Data

This section will outline the specification of the data sets consumed to conduct the study. Types of data such as primary or secondary along with identification of source are required for this section.

Analysis

This section will identify the research technique used to analyze the data sets.

9. Theoretical Framework

This section will outline the existing theories and concepts used to analyze and interpret the research topic and area. It will serve as the foundation for the study, helping to explain key phenomena and justify the choice of research questions and methodology.

10. Scope of Research

This section will identify the area or domain of application of the research such as policy, academia, organizations, etc.

11. Anticipated Limitations

Recognize any potential limitations or challenges that may arise in your research, such as issues with data collection, sample size, or access to participants. Demonstrating an understanding of these limitations reflects critical thinking and indicates that you've anticipated possible obstacles. Outline factors that could constrain the scope, accuracy, or generalizability of your study, which may involve methodological constraints, sample size, data collection issues, or external factors beyond your control.

12. Ethical Considerations

It will address the principles and practices to ensure the research respects human rights, integrity, and academic standards. These considerations outline how the researcher plans to

conduct the study responsibly, especially in dealing with sensitive international or political issues.

13. Organization of the Study

It will outline how the research project will be structured. It provides a roadmap for the reader, showing how the study will be divided into sections or chapters and what each will address. All chapters will be aligned with the respective questions.

14. Bibliography

List all the scholarly works cited in your proposal.

15. Additional Information:

The document should have a word count of around 15,000, adhering to the Chicago citation style, 17th edition.