



A Framework of Doctoral Research Proposal

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Research Proposal

- Research proposal not exceeding 3000 words
- Clarity of the research idea
- Significance and originality of the research idea
- Approach and methodology of the proposed research
- Highlight why the proposed research is worthwhile, feasible, capable in completion
- Timeline of the proposed research
- Justify for research funding where appropriate

Research Topic

Some sources and strategies to identify a research topic

- Research Database
 - Google Scholar
 - JSTOR
 - Web of Science
 - Proquest / Emerald / Scopus / Elsevier
- Published Journals
- Library Resources
- Consult with Supervisors / Professors / Lecturers / Researchers
- Industry / Professional Associations
- Brainstorm with peers
- Consider the Relevance: Choose a research topic that is relevant to your field of study or interest and has the potential to contribute to the existing knowledge

Research Proposal - Title Page

- Title of the Research Proposal (not to exceed 15 words)
- Candidate's Name
- Supervisor's Name (if known)
- Name of University
- Date of Submission

Research Proposal - Abstract

- **Background:** Provide a short paragraph detailing the background information or the motivation behind the research.
- **Objectives:** State the problem you are attempting to solve, the purpose of the study, and what you hope to accomplish.
- **Methods:** Describe the research methodology you plan to use.
- **Results:** If applicable, include the expected findings or results of your research.
- **Discussion:** Summarise your interpretations, conclusions, and, if applicable, any recommendations of the proposed research.
- **Keywords:** Include keywords related to your research method and content



Introduction

Chapter

**1. BACKGROUND
AND CONTEXT OF
THE RESEARCH**

**2. RATIONALE
FOR THE
RESEARCH**

**3. PROBLEM
STATEMENT OF THE
RESEARCH**

**4. RESEARCH
QUESTION(S) OR
HYPOTHESIS**

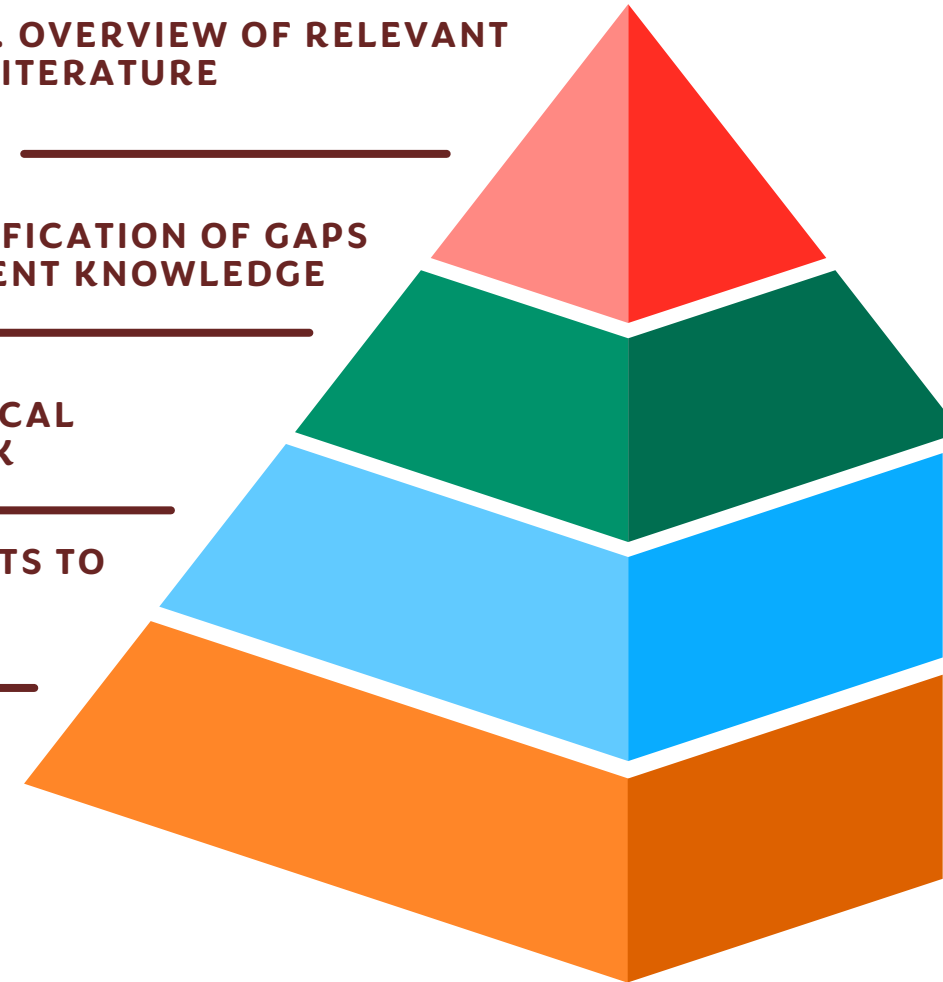
**5. SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE STUDY**

**6. BOUNDARIES OR
LIMITATIONS OF
YOUR RESEARCH**

Literature Review Chapter

The literature review chapter will delve into the current knowledge surrounding your research topic. It will critically analyse existing research, including key findings and relevant theoretical frameworks.

1. OVERVIEW OF RELEVANT LITERATURE
2. IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS IN CURRENT KNOWLEDGE
3. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK
4. BODY OF KNOWLEDGE CONNECTS TO YOUR RESEARCH QUESTIONS OR HYPOTHESES.



Research Methodology Chapter

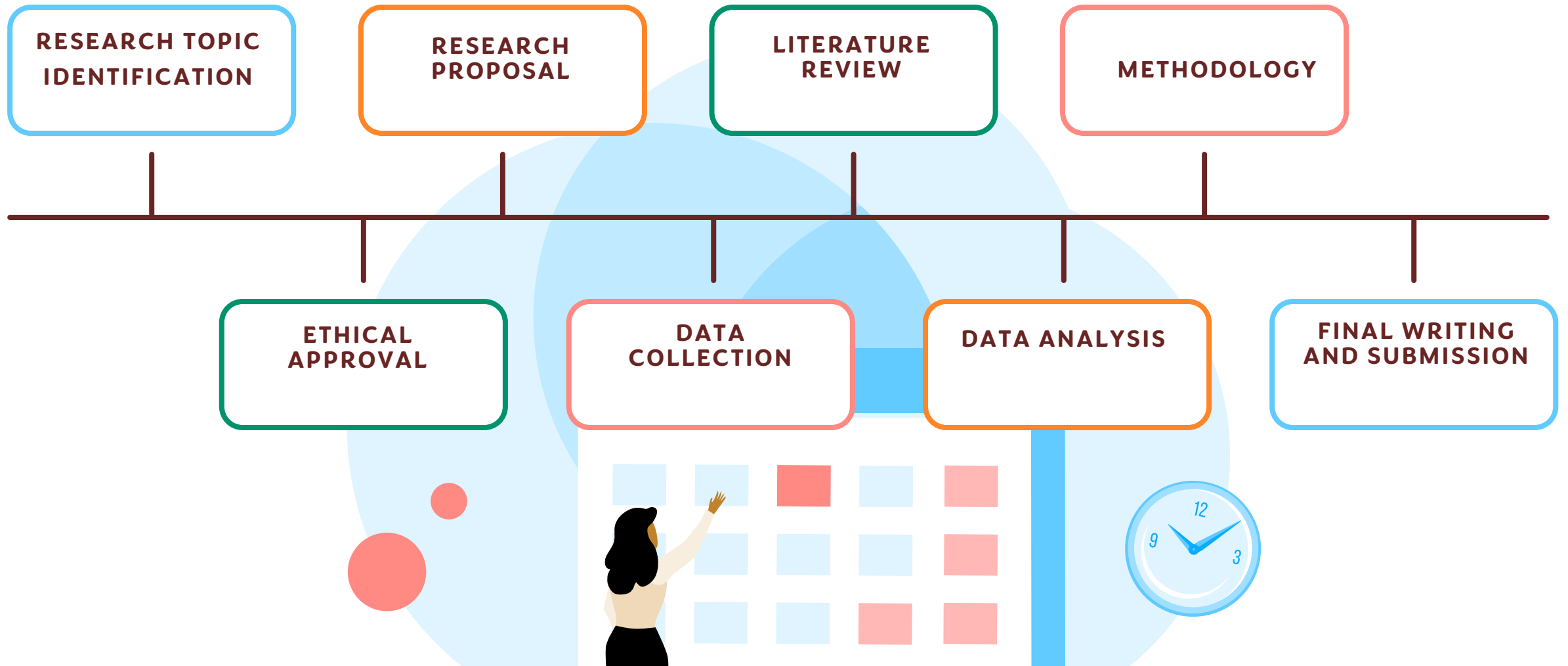
- Description of research design
- Data collection methods
- Data analysis methods



Other Considerations

- Preliminary Research Findings
- Ethical Considerations
- Research Budget
- Detailed Research Timeline





Research timeline

References

- List of references cited in the research proposal
- Use credible and reliable sources
- Strive for recent and relevant sources (recommended sources not more than 5 years)
- Consider the accessibility of your references and any costs
- Citation style: such as APA, MLA, Harvard
- Citation Software: such as Endnote, Mendeley, Zotero