

## Proforma II

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## **Suggested Research Proposal Guidelines**

- **1. Title of the Project:** The title of the project has to be clear and concise indicating the purview of the research.
- **2. Introduction & Theoretical Framework:** The broad area of research and the theoretical frame work of the study have to be presented.
- **3. Review of Literature:** All relevant and significant research related to the topic of research has to be presented.
- **4. Statement of the Problem:** The problem to be investigated has to be clearly identified with sufficient justification or rationale.
- **5. Research Questions / Objectives:** The specific research questions / objectives have to be enumerated.
- **6. Research Hypotheses**: The hypotheses that would be tested through the empirical analysis have to be framed
- 7. Methodology
- **7.1. Type**: The proposal has to clarify about the type of study that would be undertaken.
- **7.2. Sources of Data**: The sources of data collection, whether primary/secondary/pooled has to be specified.
- **7.3. Tools for data collection**: The instrument/tools and techniques used for data collection have to be explained.
- **7.4.** Coverage: the proposal has to clearly demark the universe of the study
- **7.5. Sampling**: The sampling frame, sample size and sampling method have to be elaborated with justification.
- **7.6. Plan of analysis**: The statistical techniques that would be employed have to be stated.
- **8. Scope of the Project:** The area of study, the geographical/sociological/biological areas, etc, period of study have to be given.
- **9. Significance of the Study:** The rationale of the study has to be explained by highlighting its significance for the society or discipline.
- **10. Possible Outcomes:** The possible outcomes of the study has to be forecasted in order to gauge the relevance of the project
- **11. Policy Implications**: The proposal should state whether, the research would bring forth any implications for policy making in the region or country, any methodological innovations, or contribution to theory building.

- **12.** Contribution of the Project for Society and National Cause: The researcher has to highlight the possible benefit of the project for the society and nation.
- **13. Duration of the Project**: The proposal should lay down the time needed for various tasks such as preparation of schedules, pilot study (if any), data collection, data analysis, report writing, etc.
- **14. References:** The list of all references cited in the study has to be shown according to prescribed research manual.

**Note:** The Proposal may be altered to suit the research conventions/scientific manuals of respective disciplines