

Title of Proposed Dissertation

Name and Surname

Doctorate in Pharmacy Second Year

Dissertation Proposal

Year

Supervisor:

Co-Supervisor: as applicable

Advisor: as applicable

The research proposal should be approximately 1000 words (excluding the list of sources cited and abstract).

The research being carried out should constitute a significant contribution to knowledge in a particular field of study. The research area and topic should be defined clearly and the parameters of research clearly established. The proposal is about identifying a viable topic and a plan of approach. It is important that the considerable amount of reading around the subject chosen is demonstrated in the proposal. The proposal must demonstrate that the candidate has realistic and adequate aims and objectives for the time period identified for the study.

All text paragraphs must be in Justified format.

Abstract

Maximum 350 words describing research question, aims, methodology and impact of study.

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1. Introduction

Significant prior research: literature review that demonstrates an integrated overview of the field and a critical analysis of relevant current evidence. This part of the proposal should anchor the research topic in the particular area of academic discourse pertinent to the field. In order to demonstrate that the research project makes a significant contribution to the field, the literature review needs to show that the researcher is aware of the traditions and recent research in the field.

2. Research Question and Aims of the Study

Present the hypothesis or research question and identify aims and objectives.

3. Methodology

Demonstrate that the chosen method or approach will serve to advance the argument being presented and to satisfy the aims and objectives stipulated. The methodology section should specifically address the following aspects:

Research Setting

Research Design

Sampling

Data collection and data handling

Timeframe: a GANTT chart to plan the accomplishment of the tasks involved to be included

Resources required as applicable

4. Discussion

Present the significance of the study in light of what is already known about the research question. The discussion connects to the introduction by way of the research questions or hypotheses posed and the literature reviewed, and it explains how this study will contribute to improve the current understanding of the research question. The expected outcomes of the study are presented and impact on professional services elucidated.

5. References

The sources referred to in the proposal should be included here.

Only references cited in the text are included in the list. Cite reference in text with an author – date citation system and list references alphabetically in the references section. The references in the list should be listed according to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors Uniform

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