

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL (DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM)

- The research proposal should have a clear title, abstract, conceptual framework, major research works reviewed, research gaps, objectives, and methodology.
- It should outline the scope, coverage, approach, methodology, and innovation aspects of the study.
- The proposal should also detail the proposed outcomes, such as papers in journals, edited books, policy papers, documents, and datasets. It should also mention any new data to be generated if deficiencies are found.
- The proposal should also highlight the relevance of the study for policy making and society, highlighting the significant contributions the research will make to the subject and its methodology.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposal should be:

- Double spaced throughout
- Times New Roman 12-point font (except for title which should be Times New Roman 14- point font)
- A4 size page formatting
- 1-inch margins on all sides

a) **In-Text Citations**

Use the author-date system:

- Single author: (Smith, 2020)
- Two authors: (Smith & Jones, 2020)
- Three or more authors: (Smith et al., 2020)
- Direct quote: Include the page number: (Smith, 2020, p. 15)

b) **References**

References should be entered into a separate field and must follow the APA referencing style

<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples>

***The submission should not exceed 2,500 words or 4 pages. The Consortium will offer participants the chance to engage with and receive feedback from senior academics who serve on the editorial boards of prominent journals.**