**Format**

**Research Proposal for MS Thesis**

Proposal be prepared in APA  **Minimum word limit: 3000-5000**

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|  | **Front Matter** | **Words Limit** |
|  | * 1. Proposed title of the study   2. Table of Content   3. Abbreviations | 6-20 |
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|  | **Introduction** | 500 |
|  | * 1. Background of the study (significance/rationale of the study) |
|  | * 1. Broad problem area   2.2.1. Specific problem statement   * 1. Aim of the study |
|  | * 1. Research objective (s) |
|  | * 1. Research question (s) |
|  | * 1. Delimitations of the study |
|  | **Literature review** | 2000 |
|  | * 1. Concepts & definitions |
|  | * 1. Theoretical reflections |
|  | * 1. Indentify literature gap(s) pertaining to the topic under study |
|  | * 1. Substantiating evidences from the literature |
|  | * 1. Critical analysis of the literature |
|  | **Proposed theoretical/conceptual framework [With diagram]**  4.1 Research Framework  4.2 Hypotheses | 150 |
|  | **Proposed Research Methodology** | 350 |
|  | * 1. Sample selection (with full justifications) |
|  | * 1. Population frame |
|  | * 1. Unit of analysis |
|  | * 1. Type of study |
|  | * 1. Time horizon |
|  | * 1. Researcher’s strength |
|  | * 1. Instrument development/selection |
|  | * 1. Proposed data collection procedures   2. Proposed data analysis techniques (with full justifications) |
|  | **Schedule of Your Dissertation** |  |
|  | * 1. These completion time (CPM or GANTT chart) |  |
|  | **Reference list (APA, however, heading should be Harvard style)** | Should not be less than 30 Research Articles **\*** |
|  | **Appendices (if any)** |  |

\* Please be careful, while selecting research articles. Articles must be recent (i.e. from the last 3-5 year publication) selected from the highly respected journals. Avoid text books, WebPages, and Wikipedia, etc.