**Format for Research Proposal for PhD Dissertation**

* **APA** style should be followed for Text citation, Figures, Tables, Formulas, References, and Interpretation etc. However, Headings should be in **Harvard** style
* Minimum word limit: **5000-8000**

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|  | **Front Matter** | **Words Limit** |
|  | * 1. Proposed title of the study | 6-20 |
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|  | **Introduction** | 1500 |
|  | * 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)   2. Significant of the Study (along with theoretical contributions) |
|  | * 1. Delimitations of the study |
|  | **Literature review** | 3000 |
|  | * 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]**   * 1. Research Framework (with full justification and theoretical foundation)   4.2 Hypotheses | 1500 |
|  | **Proposed Research Methodology** | 500 |
|  | * 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)** | 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.