



Research Proposal Synopsis for the Doctor of Philosophy Program

Part I: To be filled in by the applicant.

Student's name:.....

Supervisor(s) name and affiliation:.....

Department:

Faculty: Session:

Date:

Instructions for synopsis writing

Section	Word limit	Description
Title of research (Tentative)		Provide a concise and descriptive title reflecting the core focus of your research (≤ 15 words recommended).
Introduction	Up to 300	Highlight the context, problem statement, rationale, and research gap. Provide a clear background to the study.
Objectives	100-150 words	Ensure objectives are specific, measurable achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART).
Methodology	Up to 400 words	Describe the study design, data collection methods, target population, sampling strategy, and data analysis plan.
Expected Outcomes	Up to 200 words	Outline the anticipated findings, their significance, and how they will address the research gap.
References	Not more than 15	American Psychological Association or Harvard-style