**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

*Title of the doctoral dissertation*

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| **Potential supervisor** |  |
| **Institution** |  |

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| **Abstract** |
| *Concise and clear: Keep the abstract brief and to the point, summarizing the key aspects of your research proposal in a concise and clear manner.*   * *First impression counts (!)*   *Comprehensive enough to inform the evaluator and introduce the topic.*  *Purpose: Clearly state the purpose of your research and what problem or gap in the knowledge it aims to address.*   * *What has not been answered in previous research?* * *How will this research add to knowledge, practice, and policy in this area?* |
| **Keywords** |
| *Keywords: Include a few relevant keywords that represent the main themes or concepts of your research, making it easier for readers to find your proposal.*   * *Not more than 5* |
| **Formulation of the problem** |
| *Identify the research gap: Identify a specific gap or problem in the existing knowledge or literature that your research aims to address.*   * *What is already known or unknown and why do we need to know?* * *A synthesis of the introduction and literature review.*   *Clearly define the problem: Clearly articulate the problem statement, making it specific, focused, and unambiguous. State what is currently unknown, unresolved, or needs further investigation.*   * *Scientific enough to convince the evaluator that it is worth focusing on.* |
| **Literature review** |
| *Comprehensive search: Conduct a comprehensive search of relevant literature using academic databases, journals, books, and other reputable sources.*   * *Critical enough.* * *Provide the evaluator with a comprehensive review of the literature related to the stated problem.* |
| **Research aim and tasks** |
| *Research aim and tasks/objectives: Formulate specific research aims and objectives/tasks that directly address the identified problem.*   * *Aims and research tasks should guide your research and help you find answers or solutions.* |
| **Scientific novelty of the research** |
| *Significance: Highlight the importance and relevance of your research, explaining why it matters and how it contributes to the field or society*. |
| **Research Questions (hypothesis)** |
| *Be specific: Formulate research questions that are clear, specific, and focused on addressing the problem identified in your research proposal.*   * *Emerge from the problem statement.*   *Clear and concise: Write hypotheses clearly and concisely, stating the expected relationship or difference between variables.*   * *Formulate hypotheses that can be tested and supported or rejected based on empirical evidence.* |
| **Methodology** |
| *Methodology: Briefly describe the research design, methods, and approaches you will use to conduct your study.*   * *How do you plan to collect data (interview, survey, experiments, software)?* * *Which sources will you use?* * *Describe the process you will use to analyse data.* |
| **Financing of the study (for non-state budget funded position)** |
| *This doctoral study is planned to be funded…* |
| **References** |
| *Use proper citations: Properly cite and reference all the sources you include in your literature review using a consistent referencing style (e.g., APA).* |

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