


Structure of a PhD proposal

Note: The pre-proposal should have between three and five pages. It must not exceed 3000 words, all references and footnotes included. The full proposal is based on the pre-proposal but elaborates it according to the recommendations of the PhD committee on 20 to 25 pages. The full proposal is due after the first three to six months of PhD enrolment and must not exceed 10,000 words, annexes excluded.

Structure:

1. Summary
2. State of Research
 - a. Literature Review
 - b. Own Research in the Field
 - c. Research Gap
 - d. Research Question
3. Research Plan
 - a. Methodological Approach
 - b. Planned Empirical Research
 - c. Budget
 - d. Timetable
4. Relevance
 - a. Scientific Relevance
 - b. Relevance in Other Fields
5. Annexes
 - a. Bibliography
 - b. Other Annexes if Applicable

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