

University of Malta - Faculty of Health Sciences - Master of Science (by Research) Research Proposal - October 2025 Intake

The aim of the research proposal is to identify a viable topic and a plan of approach using the research proposal template below. The student is required to demonstrate that a certain amount of reading and realistic planning has been carried out. These should lead to feasible aims and objectives that should be obtained within the stipulated period of study.

- The research proposal does not need to be finalised at the stage before registration. However, the prospective student is expected to contact immediately the Masters (by Research) Committee via the relevant supervisor if there is a substantial departure of direction from the previously proposed study. The supervisor will guide the Committee on this matter, if it arises.
- It is highly recommended that you discuss the proposal with the prospective supervisor well in advance of proposal submission
- Dissertation supervisors and Masters by Research students are advised to consider registering their study if it involves a clinical/interventional trial. This will facilitate the publication of peer-reviewed papers in journals of significant impact factor. More information can be sought on: <https://www.who.int/ictrp/en/http://www.icmje.org/about-icmje/faqs/clinical-trials-registration/>
- Please respond to the first question indicating whether this is a **new proposal** or a **revision of an already submitted proposal**

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☐ New proposal

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Course applying for *

- ☐ Master of Science in Applied Biomedical Science
- ☐ Master of Science in Clinical Biomechanics
- ☐ Master of Science in Human Communication Sciences and Disorders
- ☐ Master of Science in Food Sciences and Nutrition
- ☐ Master of Science in Health Systems Management and Leadership
- ☐ Master of Science in Midwifery
- ☐ Master of Science in Nursing
- ☐ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
- ☐ Master of Science in Physiotherapy
- ☐ Master of Science in Podiatry
- ☐ Master of Science in Radiography
- ☐ Other:

Mode of study *

- ☐ Full-time
- ☐ Part-time



Period of intake *

☐ February Intake

☐ October Intake

Name of supervisor and co-supervisor (if available) *

Your answer

B. Research Proposal

Title

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The title should be concise, describing the nature and scope of the project. Do not start a title with a present participle.

Maximum words: 30

Your answer

Keywords

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Include four to six specific keywords or phrases which will be used to index your research in relevant databases.

Your answer



Aim/s of the study

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Include the aim/s of the study.

Maximum words: 50

Your answer

Objectives

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List all the objectives of the study starting with the most important first.

Maximum words: 200

Your answer

Research question/s

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Include the research question/s.

Maximum words: 50

Your answer



Background and significance of the study

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Clarify the area of study and justify the research aim/objectives. Why is it a significant topic? What contribution is your work expected to make? Provide any information that helps the evaluator to understand the topic. Indicate why you believe that this is a topic that can be investigated through research.

Maximum words: 500

Your answer

Literature review

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Provide evidence that you are well acquainted with past and current research in the field of study. Indicate how the intended study relates to similar and past research.

Maximum words: 500

Your answer



Research design and methodology

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Discuss the research design. Demonstrate that your chosen method or approach will serve to advance your argument. Describe how you plan to gather data. It is important to give a sound provisional indication so that the evaluator is satisfied that your methodology is relevant and acceptable.

The following sections must be included:

A. Data collection method/s and/or research tool/protocol (e.g. validated tools/scales, interviews, focus groups, laboratory experiments etc)

Your answer

B. Population and sample (e.g. targeted population, sampling method, anticipated/approximate sample size)

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Your answer

C. Ethical considerations (e.g. consent, confidentiality, autonomy, consideration of institutional approvals and identifying intermediaries);

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Your answer



D. Measures of quality control (e.g. rigour, reliability and validity, pilot testing, quality control metrics)

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Your answer

E. Data analysis (e.g. statistical methods for quantitative studies; content/thematic/interpretative analysis for qualitative studies, biostatistics)

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Your answer

Costings/budget/funding

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Any research related expenses should be identified. An indication of acquired funding or any plan to acquire funds should be identified.

Maximum words: 100

Your answer

Timeframe

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The various tasks for researching and the writing of the dissertation should be identified along with specific dates in which it is anticipated these tasks will be accomplished. This timeframe would need to be constructed with your supervisor. You can upload a Gantt chart or a table here.

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Add a reference list using an appropriate reference style, clearly stating which reference style and edition you are using (e.g. APA (7th Edition)). *

Your answer

Declarations: *

☐ I have worked on this proposal under the direction of the proposed supervisor who has endorsed this proposal.

☐ I have read the Bye-Laws for the award of Master of Science - M.Sc. by Research - under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences

I hereby give consent to the Master of Science (by Research) Committee to process my personal data for the purpose of evaluating my research proposal. I understand that I have a right of access to my personal data and to obtain the rectification,
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