

University of Malta
Faculty for Social Wellbeing
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
Higher Diploma in Psychology
Dissertation Proposal Form

ALL parts of this Research Proposal must be completed.

Proposals with missing sections and/or no supervisor/co-supervisor signature will not be evaluated.

Please read this form carefully before completing.

SECTION 1

Date	
Proposal Number	
Area of research interest (e.g. organisational, health, forensic etc)	

Student's Particulars

Name	
Home Address	
Telephone	
E-mail (use UOM email only)	
Degree & year of enrolment	

Supervisor's Particulars

Name	
Mobile/Contact number/ E-Mail	
Dept/Institute	
Full/Part-Time/Visiting	
Address (to be completed by part-time/external supervisor)	
Signature	

Second Supervisor's Particulars (if applicable)

Name	
Mobile/Contact number/ E-Mail	
Dept/Institute	
Full/Part-Time/Visiting	
Address (to be completed by part-time/external supervisor)	
Signature	

Section 2**Brief Description of Research Study**

Draft title <i>Give a brief title for your proposed study here</i> (Maximum 15 words)	
ONE aim and a maximum of THREE objectives	
Background & Justification Describe the background and Justification for this study. Include some contextual background to your study by briefly mentioning knowledge of previous empirical work in this area. Use a maximum of 5 references (Maximum 400 words)	
Methodology <i>Tick the chosen method</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Interviews: semi-structured interviews with professionals <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Questionnaires <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)
Approximate sample size for the chosen method/s	
Describe where you will recruit your participants from.	
Provide information related to the tools used to gather and analyse data. Maximum 300 words.	

Discuss your proposed method of data analysis and interpretation . If your study is quantitative, you should consider how you will capture your data and the statistical package you will use to analyse your data. If your study is qualitative, you must consider how you will analyse your data (e.g. Thematic Analysis, Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis).	
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SECTION 3

Ethical Considerations (please tick the appropriate box)

	Yes	No	N/A
Will you describe the main research procedures to participants in advance, so they are informed about what to expect?			
Will you tell participants that their participation is voluntary?			
Will you obtain written consent for participation?			
If this research is observational, will you ask participants for their consent to being observed?			
Will you tell participants that they may withdraw from the research at any time, for any reason, and without prejudice?			
With questionnaires, will you give participants the option of omitting questions they do not wish to answer?			
Will you tell participants that their data will be treated with full confidentiality and that they will not be made identifiable at any stage of the research process?			
Will you debrief participants at the end of the study?			
Will your project avoid the deliberate misleading of participants in any way?			
Will all steps be taken to mitigate any foreseeable risk of participants experiencing either physical or psychological distress/ discomfort?			
If you have answered NO to any of the questions, please explain why.			

SECTION 4 (to be completed by the Dissertations Committee)

Your dissertation proposal:

- ☐ has been accepted
- ☐ has been rejected
- ☐ is to be amended as remarked

N.B. The UREC ethics form can NOT be submitted to FREC during the time when the proposal is being processed by the Dissertation Committee. The outcome of the proposal form by the Dissertations Committee is required prior to the UREC ethics form submission to FREC.

Comments/Feedback

Important points to remember:

- If you decide to make any changes after your proposal has been accepted, please inform the Chairperson in writing
- Your research should be feasible and manageable
- As undergraduate students, you should not engage in research that is highly sensitive or that requires the recruitment of vulnerable participants
- Please ensure that you have photocopied these forms (including your supervisor's signature) for your personal records prior to submission. Please note that incomplete forms will not be accepted and processed

Chairperson's Signature:	
Date:	