



University of Malta
Faculty for Social Wellbeing/Faculty for Medicine and Surgery

**Master of Science in Addiction Studies - M.Sc.
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 ¹
Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

Student's Particulars

Name	Click here to enter text.
Home Address	Click here to enter text.
Telephone	Click here to enter text.
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Degree & year of enrolment	Click here to enter text.

¹ This indicates whether this is the first, second, third etc. proposal submission

Supervisor's Particulars

Name	Click here to enter text.		
Mobile/Contact number	Click here to enter text.	e-mail	Click here to enter text.
Dept/Institute/Centre	Click here to enter text.		
Full/Part-Time/Visiting	Click here to enter text.		
Address (to be completed by part-time/external supervisor)	Click here to enter text.		
Signature	Click here to enter text.		

Second Supervisor's Particulars (if applicable)

Name	Click here to enter text.		
Mobile/Contact number	Click here to enter text.	e-mail	Click here to enter text.
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Section 2

Brief Description of Research Study

Draft title <i>Give the title of your proposed study here</i> (Maximum 15 words)	Click here to enter text.
Research Agenda and Research Questions (maximum 3)	Click here to enter text.
Background <i>Place the study in the context of available evidence though a brief summary of relevant seminal studies.</i> <i>The background should be supported by appropriate references to published literature on the area of interest.</i> (maximum 600 words)	Click here to enter text.
Rationale <i>Explain why the research questions being addressed are important and relevant.</i> (maximum 400 words)	
Methodology <i>A brief exposition of the proposed research tradition to be adopted (e.g. grounded theory, experiment, survey, ethnography, IPA,</i>	

<p><i>narrative enquiry) and why it is suitable.</i></p> <p>Maximum 400 words</p>	
<p>Study design: methods of data collection and data analysis</p> <p><i>Describe the data collection and the data analysis methods.</i></p> <p><i>Any software to be used in assisting the analysis should be specified.</i></p> <p>Maximum 300 words</p>	
<p>Approximate sample size</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>Participant recruitment</p> <p><i>Define the study population through inclusion and exclusion criteria</i></p> <p><i>Describe recruitment procedures</i></p> <p>Maximum 300 words</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>Research tools</p> <p><i>Provide information related to the tools used to gather and analyse data.</i></p> <p>Maximum 300 words.</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>

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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you tell participants that their participation is voluntary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you obtain written consent for participation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If this research is observational, will you ask participants for their consent to being observed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you tell participants that they may withdraw from the research at any time, for any reason, and without prejudice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With questionnaires, will you give participants the option of omitting questions they do not wish to answer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you debrief participants at the end of the study?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered NO to any of the questions, please explain why.	Click here to enter text.			
Is there any foreseeable risk of any participants experiencing either physical, psychological, legal, economic or social harm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Amplify				

SECTION 4 (to be completed by the Board of Studies)

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 Board of Studies is required prior to UREC ethics form submission to FREC.

Comments/Feedback

If you decide to make any changes after your proposal has been accepted, please inform the Board of Studies in writing

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