

## **RESEARCH PROPOSAL: (3-4 PAGES excluding references)**

### **A. Brief Intro to Research – Literature Review (4-5 paragraphs)**

In this section, provide a brief overview of the relevant research on the topic of your thesis. The literature review section should provide a summary of key themes and findings that are relevant to your topic of your research. This section should end with a theoretical rationale for your study.

### **B. Research Hypotheses (what is it you are specifically looking at, trying to answer?)**

This section should provide a description of more specific research questions and hypotheses of your theses that are generated from the review of the relevant literature.

### **C. Research Design (participants, data collection, statistical analysis plan, etc.)**

This section should provide a detailed description of your research design:

- description of experimental and control conditions if you are designing an experimental study
- description of the measures that will be used if you are planning to do a survey or do a secondary analyses of an existing data set
- description of interview questions if you are designing a qualitative study
- description of intervention study

You should provide the sample size, your plans for data collection, and proposed statistical analysis plans for your study. You also need to describe how you are planning to collect your data. If you are planning to do qualitative research, you also need to describe how you are planning to analyze your data. You have to clearly explain how your analyses will answer your specific hypotheses or research questions.

### **D. Timeline for your research project (project deadlines set by you and your mentor)**

Briefly describe the timeline for your research and tentative deadlines for all aspects of your research starting from literature review, IRB, data collection, analyses and writing the thesis. Detailed planning helps you to successfully navigate the process of writing your thesis. Please discuss with your mentor to set up a realistic research plan and deadlines.

### **E. Who will provide support and feedback and how often will this occur?**

Please provide a brief summary of your plans to meet with your mentor(s)/co-mentor for support and feedback.

### **F. Include a list of references cited in your Intro/Literature Review section in APA style**