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| **Outline Research Proposal Form** |
| *N.B. Single spacing and font size 12 Times New Roman should be used. Do not exceed the space given in any section. Explain your planned project clearly. Use references to support your proposal.* |
| **Student's name:** |
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| **Proposed title:** *Should be concise and informative.* |
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| **Overall aim / Research question:** *A brief and clear explanation should be provided of the nature of the research problem, i.e. the topic for investigation and the context within which it is located. Why is there a need for research in this area now?* |
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| **Background:** *Present a concise review of literature relevant to your topic. Why is the work important and what will its impact be? Outline specific deficiencies or issues in published literature and how your study addresses them.*  |
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| **State proposed hypotheses / outcomes:** |
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| **Research methodology:** *Indicate the proposed research design and techniques, e.g. whether the research will be conceptual, qualitative or quantitaive, or combined. If quantitative research is envisaged, proposals should include the candidates’ ideas on the population to be studied; the selection of subjects; observers/raters, if appropriate; any statistical tests and measures to be used – their relevance, validity, reliability, strengths and limitations; administrative procedures to be adopted; any other apparatus / materials required. If qualitative research is envisaged, proposals should indicate whether the dominant methodology will utilise approaches such as survey / interview / focus group research, case study methodology, or some alternative approach(es).* |
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| **Permission / Approval:** *Explain why or why not this project will need permission or Ethical Approval.*  |
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**References:** *List the references used in Harvard style.*

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