**Word Count**

* PhD proposal minimum of 3000 words
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**Your research proposal should be structured according to the following headings:**

1. Title of research proposal
2. Summary (200 words)
3. Keywords (up to 5)
4. Research aims and objectives (up to 5) *(What are the aims and objectives of your proposed research and why is it important?)*
5. Research questions
6. Proposed research methodologies *(From what sources will your information be obtained? How will you obtain this information and why have you selected this approach?)*
7. Literature review *(The literature review needs to be well-structured, critical and analytical. The literature review should demonstrate how you have identified a gap in the literature pertinent to the research topic).*
8. Proposed completion plan *(including monthly plan and major milestones)*
9. Main references in the research field (References must be properly presented in *one of the following styles: Harvard, Chicago or APA style. These referencing styles can be accessed on websites such as* <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html>).
10. Other important content that you want to include