Template for Thesis Proposal for Confirmation

Title of project

Student –name

Supervisor/s – name/s

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The proposal should be presented in and maximum of 10,000 words. Aim for 3000-4000 words in total for Part 1, and 6000-7000 in total for Part 2.

Part 1

Introduction – brief overview of the study, including a statement of the problem/issue

Rationale for the study and background literature review – what evidence currently exists, what gaps exist

Significance of the study – why is it important, how will it fill the gap

Theoretical/conceptual approach/framework

Research aim/purpose (research questions and sub-questions may be appropriate here)

Part 2

Method (for each of the following sections describe and justify the approach you are taking)

- Research design (including rationale for selection of methods)
- Setting
- Sample (including sample size)
- Sampling approach
- Data collection method/s and procedure/s e.g., interviews, observations, survey
- Data analysis

Ethical considerations

- Ethics approval required from University and other institutions
- Consider ethical issues including anonymity, confidentiality, secure storage of data, disposal of data

Limitations

Dissemination/translation of findings

Timetable

References

Appendices

- Instruments e.g., survey, interview questions, observation tool