

### **Research proposal structure (max 1500 words)**

1. Introduction (states the problem and provides context for your research)
2. Literature review (brief lit review situating proposed research within existing literature, including details of important studies and any previous work in the proposed field). The literature review can be included in your introduction if you wish or you can include subheadings in the introduction (for example “Details of any previous work in the proposed field” could be a subheading in your introduction).
3. Significance (explain why your research is necessary and how it relates to existing research/ fills a gap in the existing body of research/ how does this project further existing knowledge?)
4. Research questions (questions your research aims to answer) / aims and objectives
5. Methodology (The research plan and methodology you plan to use)
  - a) Definitions of exposures and outcomes (if relevant)
  - b) Data Collection (how you will recruit participants (if relevant))
  - c) Data sources you will use (if relevant)
  - d) Measures and instruments you will use (if relevant)
  - e) Data analysis and analytical framework
6. Potential challenges and ethical issues
7. Impact (the practical value your research will provide to end users of research and how it will benefit society and the economy)
8. Timelines
9. Reference list (not included in the word limit)