

GUIDELINES FOR THE POST-PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Introduction

Description of the research topic, and its relevance (need for the inquiry and potential benefits and/or benefactors)

Succinct description/s of the research questions

Explanation of potential biases and/or limitations that may exist

Description of important/significant/unusual/unique terminology, words, phrases (optional)

Literature Review

Explanation of relevant issues, theories, etc. related to the main research topic

Organized in chronological order (usually older literature first; more recent literature last), or

sorted by topic (usually from broad to more specific topics)

Methodology

Description of, and rationale for, the methodological framework (i.e., qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods). Make reference to literature to support rationale.

Description of the sample populations, study participants, or other sources of data (e.g., documents, archives, photos, etc.), and methods of selection (i.e., random sample, snowball technique, etc.)

Description of instruments to be developed/ or protocols to be used/ to obtain data [include instruments and/or protocols in Appendices]

Description of proposed data collection process including pilot tests of the instrument/s (if applicable)

Description of the proposed method/s of data analysis (i.e., statistical analyses, qualitative methods, etc.)

Conclusion

Contextualize the relevancy and benefits of the proposed study in relation to the interior design discipline, benefactors, others, etc.

References

Complete list of all references cited in the document. The American Psychological Association (APA) format is preferred .. However, students may use any style guide they wish as long as the style is consistent throughout the entire document.

Complete list of all images used in the document

Length of the Proposal: Maximum 20 pages (not including title page and references), double-spaced, 1" margins, 12 pt. Font

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