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**MASTERS/DOCTORATE THESIS PROPOSAL**

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The masters/doctorate thesis proposal entitled .....which will be undertaken in the Department of.....under the supervision of..... is hereby submitted as attached.

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**REGULATION CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF THESIS PROPOSALS**

- 1. TITLE OF THESIS**
- 2. RESEARCH PROBLEM**
- 3. SUBJECT OF THESIS**
- 4. AIM OF THESIS**
- 5. IMPORTANCE OF THESIS**
- 6. OUTLINE OF ABSTRACT**
  - 6.1. CONCEPT AND TERMS**
  - 6.2. ARGUMENT OF ABSTRACT:**
  - 6.3. RESEARCH QUESTIONS / HYPOTHESIS**
- 7. METHOD**
  - 7.1 RESEARCH POPULATION AND SAMPLE**
  - 7.2 DATA COLLECTION METHODS**
- 8. REFERENCES**
- 9. SCHEDULE**
- 10. OUTLINE PLAN OF THESIS**

- 1. TITLE OF THESIS:** The title of the thesis must clearly define the subject of the thesis. Overly long, overly-general and titles that are difficult to understand should be avoided, and if necessary, subtitles should be used. The title of the thesis can be changed in the course of the research process.
- 2. RESEARCH PROBLEM(QUESTION):** The theoretical or social problem which the researcher is interested in and which has led him/her to undertake the thesis should be briefly explained. The reasons why the “problem” has become a problem should be discussed.
- 3. SUBJECT OF THE THESIS:** The subject of the thesis should be concerned with the problem as defined or concerns related to the problem. It will be appropriate to express the subject of the thesis in one sentence. However, in order to better specify the relationship between the subject and problem and to more clearly define the subject, additional explanations and definitions can be provided. The limitations of the subject of the thesis and its scope (what will be included and not) and the reasons for the specification of such limitations in content will be clearly explained.
- 4. AIM OF THESIS:** The aim of the thesis explains why the subject is being researched. In other words, it will explain what is to be aimed at or targeted from the conclusions to be obtained at the end of the research process. Under this heading, an explanation of not “What will be done” but “Why will it be done” should be put forward. There can be more than one aim to a thesis. For example; while attempting to determine or analyze a particular problem, it may be possible at the

same time to aim at offering an applied contribution to an analysis of the problem. In this case and similar cases, each and every aim which underpins the thesis should be clearly stated.

**5. IMPORTANCE OF THESIS:** The importance of the thesis and an explanation of the reasons why the subject has been chosen should be provided. In this section the subject and aim of the thesis will be explained by reference to important studies dealing with the chosen area, and the dimensions of the subject to be considered will also be specified. Furthermore, attention should be given to the theoretical and applied outcomes that are likely to be produced by the thesis.

## **6. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

**6.1. CONCEPTS AND TERMINOLOGY:** In this section, the concepts used in the thesis and the terminology to be used within the theoretical discussion should be defined.

**6.2. THEORETICAL DISCUSSION:** Within its theoretical framework, the scientific approach adopted in the thesis should be justified. In this section, the problem examined in the thesis with respect to its theoretical basis is clarified and the subject is discussed on the basis of which framework is used.

**6.3. RESEARCH QUESTIONS / HYPOTHESIS:** Research questions or a hypothesis (depending on the research) should be developed by defining data categories to define the subject of the thesis and according to the aim of the thesis.

**7. METHOD:** This section will explain the way in which the research is to be conducted. This section is not discrete from the other sections. The research questions or the hypotheses explained in the previous section will be examined in a concrete fashion and each and every research question or hypothesis should be described. The processes of data collection and evaluation should be fully explained.

**7.1 POPULATION AND SAMPLE:** This section will explain the research that is to be included within the scope of the thesis in respect of subject, time and place. Subjects related to the thesis but which will not actually be included, and their reason for non-inclusion in the thesis, should also be defined clearly in terms of place, resource, time and any financial limits, etc. In the case of an empirical thesis, information on the population and sample used in the thesis investigation should be explained.

**7.2 DATA COLLECTION METHODS:** The data collection methodology that will be used to test the research questions or to prove research assumptions should be clearly specified. The reason why a particular method, whether interview, observation, case study, is used in an empirical thesis should be clearly justified. Information on the statistical processes that will be performed on the collected data should be provided.

**8. REFERENCES:** The referencing system used in the thesis proposal should conform to an appropriate academic referencing system. Sources used in the preparation of the thesis proposal, and sources that are viewed as important to the research area overall, should be clearly identified. The bibliography can be expanded during the course of thesis preparation.

**9. SCHEDULE:** The approximate amount of time to be spent on each stage of research, data collection, applied work, evaluation of the data and writing-up of the thesis, should be stated, as well as the approximate dates for completion of each research stage.

**10. OUTLINE PLAN OF THESIS:** In this section, an anticipated “outline plan” for the thesis is set out. The outline plan will be subject to improvement during the course of the research process.