

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

RESEARCH PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

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A	Student details on cover page		
1	Name and surname of student	Y	N
2	Student number	Y	N
3	Qualification	Y	N
4	Date of registration	Y	N
5	Supervisor and co-supervisor details	Y	N
B	Title and field of study		
1	The title is of adequate length (not more than 15 words)	Y	N
2	The title is descriptive of the study	Y	N
3	The title page includes all the required information	Y	N
C	Literature review		
1	Importance of the research to the research community, practitioners in the field, the discipline and/or the researcher has been made apparent	Y	N
2	Key theoretical concepts pertinent to the study have been defined, explained and utilised	Y	N
3	A suitable amount of relevant literature on the subject matter has been referred to	Y	N
4	Previous research has been summarised and critically discussed	Y	N
5	The research problem has been clearly presented and emerges from the presentation context and literature	Y	N
D	Problem statement		
1	Problem statement has been clearly stipulated	Y	N
2	Where appropriate, the problem statement has been further developed or expanded	Y	N

E	Research aim and objectives		
1	The research aim and objectives have been clearly stipulated	Y	N
2	Where appropriate, the research aim and objectives have been further developed or expanded	Y	N

F	Hypotheses – if applicable		
1	The hypotheses has been clearly stipulated	Y	N
2	Where appropriate, the hypotheses has been further developed or expanded	Y	N

G	Research methodology		
1	The research paradigm has been identified and the research methodology is coherent and consistent with the research paradigm within which the research is located	Y	N
2	The research methodology proposed is appropriate to address the research aim and objectives	Y	N
3	The research data proposed is appropriate to address the research questions/goals/hypotheses posed	Y	N
4	The population of the study, as well as the sample and its sub-groups, are clearly identified and the sampling method clearly described	Y	N
5	Adequate consideration has been given to validity and reliability issues	Y	N
6	Data collection methods and/or measuring instruments to be used have been clearly and systematically described in appropriate detail	Y	N
7	The method of data analysis is appropriate for answering the research questions/goals/hypotheses posed	Y	N

H	Significance of the study		
1	The value or significance of the study has been clearly and convincingly articulated	Y	N
2	The potential contribution of the study has been described in terms of implications for theory, policy and practice	Y	N

I	Outline of the study		
1	The structural outline of the study is comprehensive and appropriate	Y	N



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J	Time frame		
1	The time frame is carefully aligned with the M & D guidelines	Y	N

K	Budget		
1	The budget includes all anticipated expenses (e.g. inter-library loans, printing, duplication, binding, proofreading, data analysis consultation, mailing, etc.)	Y	N

L	Referencing		
1	The in-text citing of sources is correct according to the Harvard technique	Y	N
2	References in the reference list are arranged alphabetically	Y	N

M	Style, structure and format		
1	Must be according to the M & D guidelines	Y	N

N	Ethics		
1	Paragraph on ethical consideration	Y	N

Signature:

Date:

