
Instant proposal



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A research proposal is a document that you can present to your supervisor, but it also serves you in planning and structuring both the content of your work and your working process in projects like a seminar paper (Hausarbeit), thesis, research project, etc.

This instant version of the research proposal takes only 20-30 minutes and helps you structure your thoughts and knowledge on your given project.

Answer the following questions as precisely as possible, while also taking notes on any issues you need to clarify further.

1. What is my topic?
2. What do I want to know (research question), support (central thesis), or test (working hypothesis)?
3. What is important about that (statement of research interest)?
4. What is the material or data I want to use to examine this? Do I have this material/data or do I still need to collect it?
5. What are my tools and resources (methods, literature, thesis/project supervision)?
6. What do I want to do in my study: Argue a point? Describe? Analyse? Compare? Interpret? Something else?
7. When do I want to finish my project?
8. What do I want to achieve with my research (both in terms of the research topic and for myself)?

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