
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 (Hausarbeit, thesis, research project, etc.) and your working process.

An instant proposal takes only 20-30 minutes. Answer the following questions as precisely as possible, at the same time 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 verify (working hypothesis)?
3. What is important about that (research interest)?
4. What is the material or data I want to use? Do I have this material/data already, or do I still need to collect it?
5. What are my tools and resources (methods, literature, supervisor)?
6. What do I want to do in my study: Argue a point? Describe? Analyze? Compare? Interpret? Something else?
7. When do I want to be finished?
8. What do I want to achieve with my study (both in terms of the research topic and for myself)?

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