Research proposal

\*A brief and clear statement describing the proposed research project.

## Research title/topic

## Abstract

Describe in maximum 200 words:

* what the main problem is, and why it is important;
* what is already known based on secondary literature;
* what the aims of the research are;
* what kind of methodology is applied to achieve the aims;
* what academic and social impact the research is likely to have.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## Background

* Contextualize your topic.
* Provide a short critical assessment of relevant and recent secondary literature on your topic, and state how your research would contribute to the discussion of the topic in your scientific community.

## Aims and hypotheses/research questions

* What do you want to know, prove, demonstrate, analyse, test, investigate or examine? List the aims of your project in a logical order.
* Formulate your hypothesis and/or research questions.

## Methodology

* How do you anticipate you will achieve these aims and test your hypothesis and/or answer research questions?
* Do you need any special equipment, software, or material?
* Can you access necessary data and/or expertise?
* Do you require particular resources? Can you encounter any difficulties accessing these resources?
* Does the project involve issues of human ethics, animal ethics or safety issues?

## Expected outcomes, significance, and rationale

* Why is your research question relevant?
* What results do you expect it will deliver?
* What is the expected scientific outcome? How does it relate to the secondary literature presented in the ‘Background’ section?
* Establish the importance of your project by highlighting its originality or why it is worth pursuing. Highlight the benefits or innovative applications of knowledge for both the academic and the social sphere.

## Timetable

* Indicate the timeframe for each broad stage considering literature review, data collection, production, modelling, review, analysis, testing, reporting, chapter and article writing, and article submission date as well as the journal the article is aimed for.

## Publication preference

* Specify the expected publication output
  + international/national
  + Scopus indexed/non-indexed
  + Scopus quartile – q1, q2, q3, q4?
  + journal subject/field
  + do you have any specific journal in mind?