



**FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES**  
**GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA UNIVERSITY**

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL (MPhil, PhD) - WINDOW 1**  
 (Use additional space in this format when required)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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| 1.1 | <b>Full Name of the candidate:</b>   |  |
| 1.2 | <b>Provisional Registration No:</b>  |  |
| 1.3 | <b>Date of provisional registration:</b>   |  |
| 1.4 | <b>Relevant Board of Study</b>   |  |
| 1.5 | <b>Indicate whether full-time or part-time student</b>   |  |
| 1.6 | <b>Proposed Title of the Research Project:</b>   |  |
| 1.7 | <b>Synopsis of the proposed research:</b> (A detailed proposal with the budget estimates to be attached according to the format given in the Annexure A) |  |

**SECTION 2: Recommendations on the Proposal** (All supervisors should fill the form given in Annexure B)

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| 2.1 |                           | <b>Name</b> | <b>Affiliation</b> |
|     | <b>Supervisor (Main):</b> |             |                    |
| 2.2 | <b>Co-supervisor(s)</b>   |             |                    |
| 2.3 | <b>Board of Study</b>     |             |                    |

## **Detailed Proposal**

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- 1. Title of the project**
- 2. Introduction**  
(indicating the background of the study, research problem, significance of the study, brief description of the research design, research questions, objectives)
- 3. Literature Review**
- 4. Methodology**  
(Clearly indicate the study design and methods/procedures that will be undertaken to fulfill the objectives)
- 5. Discussion (expected outcomes of the research and the limitations of the study to be discussed)**
- 6. Time line for the research project (Gantt Chart) (clearly indicate the activities to be undertaken to fulfill the study objectives)**

| No | Activities | Year 1 |    |    |    | Year 2 |    |    |    | Year 3 |    |    |    |
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- 7. References**
- 8. List of Appendices (if any)**

**Supervisor's Recommendation on the Research Proposal**

(To be filled by all the supervisors)

1. Candidate has followed the guidelines and the format provided by FGS, KDU in compiling his/her research proposal (including the Cover Page, Declaration, Acknowledgement, Abstract, Lists of Tables, Figures, Annexes, Appendices, Table of Contents and the recommended Referencing Style).

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any other remarks

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2. The introduction describes the current status of research relevant to the project, identifies the research gap, analyses the research problem and justifies the rationale for the research question.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any other remarks

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3. The Literature Review is up-to-date and includes references of both local and foreign studies.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any other remarks

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4. Research Objectives are focused and are congruent with the Research Problem and with Research Questions.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any other remarks

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5. Research Objectives are feasible to achieve.

Yes

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No

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Any other remarks

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6. The methodology describes the study design and methods, and it covers the following.

|  | Yes | No | N/A |
|--|-----|----|-----|
| Cost effectiveness of proposed methodology   |     |    |     |
| Data collection procedures / formats / questionnaires / Interview guides are attached as appendices. |     |    |     |
| Data/ sample collection (size, method etc.)  |     |    |     |
| Other methods used to create data  |     |    |     |
| Proposed data analysis/ statistical methods for the research question                                |     |    |     |
| Study groups vs. controls  |     |    |     |
| Study site   |     |    |     |
| Validation and quality control of methods  |     |    |     |

Any other remarks

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7. Discussion chapter/section discusses the expected outcomes and study limitations, focusing on the interpretation of how the expected results would contribute to bridge the research gap and give answers to the research problem.

Yes

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No

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Any other remarks

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8. The proposal indicates that the research project would add new knowledge to the existing body of knowledge and that the relevant community/ society at large would be substantially benefitted through the findings.

Yes

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No

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Any other remarks

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9. The Gantt chart identified all the activities related to achieving the study objectives in a feasible time plan.

Yes

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No

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Any other remarks

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10. The research proposal is recommended/not recommended for evaluation.

Yes

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No

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Reasons if the answer is No.

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Signature : .....

Name : .....

Date : .....