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Research Proposal Guidelines

The responsibility for first formulation of a viable research proposal for a research degree leading to the MPhil/PhD rests with the applicant. The proposal should be about 3-4 pages or 1,000 words in length. There is no standard format as such. However, as a general guide an applicant should aim at providing as much of the following information as possible:

- 1. Title**
- 2. Introduction:** This should contain an identification of an area of research as specifically as possible. This ought to entail a few paragraphs providing a brief background to the problem that is to be researched in general terms.
- 3. Literature review:** This should show an awareness of the existing state of research in the field.
- 4. Adding to existing knowledge:** In the case of a PhD application particularly, the proposal should show some indication as to how it focuses on a new area or an existing field in a novel fashion.
- 5. Research methodology:** An indication of the research techniques and methodology to be used, along with a plan and timetable of work.
- 6. Reasons for research and expertise:** An explanation as to why the area of research is of interest, and an account of your relevant expertise for research in the field.
- 7. Links to SES research:** An indication of how you see your research linking to the SES research groups and their interests (see SES research web pages).

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