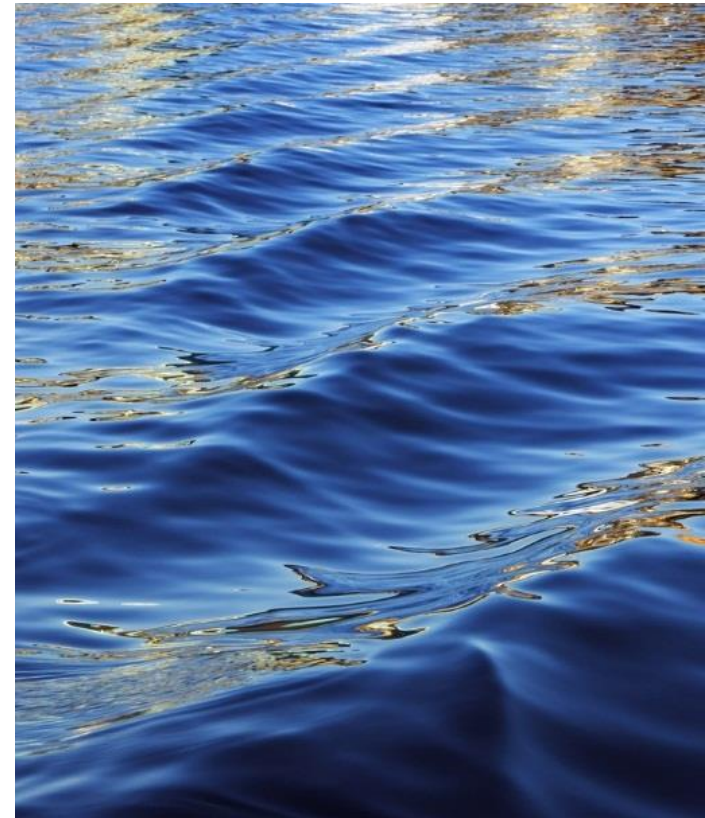


# Module 1

## A Guide to Write Paper Proposal in an Academic Style Paper




# Objectives

To introduce the concept of a paper proposal in an academic paper.


If you are producing a video (under video category) and not a paper, just 'replace' the word "paper" with "video" as it appears in most places in this document.

# Content

1. What is a Paper Proposal
2. Contents of a Paper Proposal



# What is a Paper Proposal?



- It is a written document that outlines your research plans to produce the paper.
- It should be written in the present tense because you are letting readers know what you are about to research on, meaning you have not started your research yet.
- It should be written within 150 – 350 words.



# Contents of a Paper Proposal





## 1. Introduction

Here, you are establishing the background of your paper. Your paper has to be a well researched paper. You should start by introducing your topic of research/ paper.

## 2. Purpose of the study and The Problem

This section will describe the problem that is related to your research/ paper topic.

- Approach this by answering the question “Why is it necessary to conduct this research?” and “why are you writing this paper?”. It is highly advisable to mention the problem you are trying to solve in a problem statement – a “problem statement” is the problem you are trying to solve which is summarized in one concise and precise sentence.

### 3. Literature Review

You will need to discuss very briefly the information and details that are already known about the subject, i.e. previous research and paper pertaining to your topic. For our purpose, this has to be brief, perhaps about 3-4 sentences.



## 4. Hypothesis

A hypothesis is a proposed theory or an idea that you intend to investigate through experiments or surveys, or any other forms of research.

It should be something that you believe in and are looking to verify.

Ensure your hypothesis is written with precise language and it should testable through experimentation, interviews, critical literature reviews and so on.

- An example of a hypothesis: "If I eat less carbohydrate a day, I will loose weight after 2 weeks"

or

- "If teachers are not given administrative work, their teaching quality will improve"

## 5. Methodology

This section will entail the methods you intend to adopt to prove your hypothesis is valid.

## 6. Limitations

You will need to disclose any limitations that may occur when doing your research. You may also mention the limitation of your proposed solution.



# Thank You

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