Thesis proposal [maximum length (not including references) – 15 pages]

- Title
- Abstract (≈1/2 page)
- Introduction (motivating the research) (≈1/2 page)
- Statement of the problem and the specific issues to be studied (≈ 1/2 page)
- Previous work (*critical review* of the literature which is relevant to the scientific issues to be pursued during the thesis work) (3-5 pages)
- Objectives of the Thesis and statement of the novelty of the proposed work (≈1 page)
- Preliminary work done by the applicant (2-3 pages)
- Proposed research program (including approach, new model(s)/ technique(s)/idea(s), hypothesis and anticipated results, risks and contingency plans) (3-5 pages)
- Data management (1/2 page)
- Timelines for completion (for a total duration of 4 years from the date the thesis work has been started) (≈1/2 page)
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