

How to write a thesis proposal

A proposal consists of 5 parts and should consist of about 2-3 pages.

Part 1: Current state of literature

Look for literature with topics you find interesting and find out what has been done. This is the basis for motivating the main research question you want to answer.

Part 2: Formulate the main research question.

What is the question you want to answer in your thesis. You can also formulate sub questions that help you answer the main question.

Part 3: Research Plan

How are you going to answer the questions in your thesis? What kind of empirical techniques are you going to use, what kind of data are you going to use, etc.

Part 4: Data resources

Where are you going to find the data that you need in Part 3.

Part 5: References

A list of papers that you have used in your proposal (or going to use in your thesis)