



HND LONG ESSAY PROPOSAL FORM

FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

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Course Name:

Course Year:

Student's Name & Surname:

ITS Student Number:

Mobile no:

ITS email:

Proposed Title of Long Essay:

Central Proposed Research Question:

Subsidiary Research Question/s:

Abstract of the proposed research (include scope of research and its relevance in not more than 300 words, including in-text citations)

Description of Research Methods to be applied (please tick the *ONE* only):

☐	Archival historical documents	Sampling details: Projected participants of the study for the method of data collection chosen with projected number of participants and type of participants (in line with the research questions)
☐	Questionnaires or surveys	
☐	Focus groups	
☐	Interviews	
☐	Case Studies	
☐	Observation	
☐	Quantitative methods	
☐	Mixed methods	
Other:		

Keywords (3 to 6 key terms, separated by a comma):

First choice proposed* supervisor's details:

Name and surname:

E-mail address:

Second choice proposed* supervisor's details:

Name and surname:

E-mail address:

**The relevant board will do its utmost to allocate identified tutors. However, other suitable tutors may be allocated due to certain logistical and academic issues, as per ITS policies.*

Ethical Considerations (all 4 section further below are to be filled in):

- *Research shall be conducted in such a manner to avoid any psychological and physical harm to humans and animals and financial damage to organisations.*
- *Only the Tutor and assessor/s will have access to any data gathered.*
- *Participants will remain free to withdraw from the study at any time without having to provide any reason. In the case of withdrawal, all the records and information collection will be deleted.*
- *The participant, who is the sole proprietor of the data provided, is granting that such data would be processed for this study purposes only.*
- *The data collection process will be a transparent process.*
- *All transcriptions and/or electronic recordings reflecting the data collected, once exhausted, are to be deleted immediately after the student's award has been conferred.*
- *Confidentiality, anonymity, and data protection procedures are to be ethically abided by.*
- *The researcher would provide a soft copy of the study to the participant, if required.*

Details regarding possibility of issues regarding confidential personal data:

How will you ensure that no personal data or confidential data is divulged?

How will you ensure that no person or animal gets hurt during the research?

Details regarding possibility of physical harm (if any):

How will you ensure that participants' identities are not divulged, i.e. kept anonymous?

Will you need to use any personal protective equipment (PPE)? If yes, please specify which one.

Do you need to apply any foreseen risk mitigating measures?

Details regarding possibility of moral harm:

- *What steps will you take to avoid unduly offending or disturbing the well being of the participants?*
- *How will you avoid any possible psychological, spiritual, or cultural offence to participants?*
- *How will you ensure that the interests and rights of minors / vulnerable / disabled persons / specific social groups are safeguarded where necessary?*

Details regarding possibility of business harm:

- *How will you ensure that participants do not suffer any competitive disadvantage as an outcome of the research?*
- *How will you ensure that confidential business ideas and data are protected and not divulged?*

Data Protection:

The data will be kept by the researcher for (insert timeline)

The applicant commits to (please tick):

1. Storing data securely in password-protected and encrypted mode
2. Storing personal data separate from other data

Student's Signature (insert digital signature - see instructions on cover page)

Date:

(click on the red rectangle and then
on the triangle to insert date)

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Date received:

Assigned proposal number:

Reviewed by:

ARPB reviewer's comments: