


UCARE Research Proposal Outline

Statement of Purpose

*What problem are you trying to solve?
What issues does this project address?
What is the context for this project?*


Research Question and/or Hypothesis

*What questions are you trying to answer?
What variables are you considering?
What is the scope of the project?*

 **Characteristics of a Successful Proposal (Validity)** – Present a sound question or hypothesis that is well-defined in scope and will produce clear, measurable outcomes.


Significance of Research

*How will your research contribute to the field?
What is unique about your research?
What is your research building upon?*

 **Characteristics of a Successful Proposal (Significance)** – Describe how your project will address a critical problem, benefit society or a community, or fill a gap in scholarship.

Methods of Data Collection

*What frameworks or theories guide data collection?
What processes or protocols need to be implemented for collection?
What will be the source of your data?*


 **Characteristics of a Successful Proposal (Reliability)** – Describe appropriate methods for your research topic and include steps in work that are logical and complete.

Analysis of Data

*How will you analyze the data to answer your research question and/or test your hypothesis?
What processes or protocols need to be implemented for analysis?*

Benchmarks

*What benchmarks will you meet to complete the project?
How will you share findings or progress about your project?*

 **Characteristics of a Successful Proposal (Credibility)** – Describe an appropriate timeframe and list of resources that will help support your project work and goals.