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HUA Thesis Proposal Format

1. Title Page

The title page should include the information ordinarily encountered on the title page of the dissertation except that the proposal should be labeled as a dissertation proposal, not as a dissertation. Because some computer compiled bibliographies include only the first five words of the title, the first five words should, therefore, contain a substantive description of the study. A subtitle may be included. [See example attached]

2. Title of the proposed Thesis

Contains short, descriptive title of the proposed thesis project (should be fairly self-explanatory), containing keywords of research area.

3. Contact information of the Principal Investigator/Proposal writer:

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4. Abstract [1/2 Page]

The abstract is expected to be brief (less than one page) and should summarize the following: Introduction, Statement of the Problem, Background of the Study, Research Questions or Hypotheses, and Methods and Procedures.

5. Introduction [1 – 2 Page]

This section introduces the reader to the domain of the study and provides a general overview of the circumstances, issues, and background leading up to the problem under investigation.

6. Statement of the problem [up to 3 pages]

The problem statement should identify briefly the state of uncertainty or dissatisfaction with present knowledge in the field. Then it should clearly and precisely identify the purpose of the study in terms of how it will help to advance our knowledge in that field.

7. Background of the Study [up to 5 pages]

A doctoral dissertation is not intended to be an isolated undertaking but rather an inquiry which has an intended place in some larger body of knowledge. This section should include a review of the relevant theoretical and empirical works which provide a broad background, or a theoretical grounding to the study. In addition, candidates are required to demonstrate the link between their study and the body of knowledge in which the study is grounded. The contents of this section should be backed by a list of references.

8. Research Question or Hypotheses [1 – 2 Pages]

Research questions or hypotheses should be stated clearly. These should flow logically from the discussion of the Background of the Study and should be consistent with the Statement of the Problem. It should also include sub-questions or corollary questions and statements.

9. Methods and Procedures

This section should indicate what type of study is being conducted, how the study will be conducted, what data or information will be used, how it will be obtained, what controls will be applied to ensure integrity, and what sampling techniques will be employed. Thus, the section should convey the appropriateness of the data/information for answering the research questions; and, most importantly, it should describe the techniques for analyzing the data with direct reference to the research questions or hypotheses. If applicable, a complete description of the instruments or procedures to be used in

gathering the data should be provided. All proposals are expected to include relevant information about the technical quality of these instruments or procedures.

9.1 Study Design:

9.1.1 Describe the study design; framework that has been created to seek answers to research questions.

9.1.2 If the method of analysis is wholly or partly qualitative, specify the method. Why is this method appropriate? If interviews are to be used include the general areas around which they will be based. Copies of any questionnaires that will be used should be appended.

9.1.3 Participants:

9.1.3.1 How many participants are intended to recruit? (Include details for each locality organization)

9.1.3.2 Who will carry out the research procedures?

9.1.3.3 What are the benefits to research participants of taking part?

10. Limitations

Research work should address clearly the shortcomings and/or weaknesses of the research which may impact the findings as well as the generalizability of these findings.

11. Significance of the Project:

Potential significance of the project for the advancement of knowledge.

12. References

All studies cited in the proposal should be included using standard (and internally consistent) citation methods.

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THESIS PROPOSAL

Proposed Title:

(Proposed title of the thesis goes here, including revision #)

By

(Your full name)

A Thesis Proposal submitted

In partial fulfillment for the degree of

Doctor of Hindu Studies

In

(Your target degree)

To

Hindu University of America

Orlando, Florida

(Or name of HUA Affiliated institute)

(Date of the proposal)

