

FORMAT OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL / CANDIDATURE DEFENCE REPORT

1) Proposal Defence

Candidates are required to submit softcopy of complete research proposal report ([include line and page numbers](#)) between 3,000~7,000 words to the Deputy Dean's Office (ias_seminar@um.edu.my) no later than two (2) weeks from the date of presentation ([refer to the latest Seminar Calendar available on the IAS website](#)) including the following:

- i. Abstract;
- ii. Introduction, problem statement and scope of research;
- iii. Research objectives;
- iv. Summary of literature review;
- v. Description of the conceptual framework OR a summary of the experimental method OR a summary of the study design [and the apparatus required](#);
- vi. Importance and relevance of the study;
- vii. Preliminary findings / Pilot test (Early findings, if any);
- viii. Discussion and Conclusion ([if early findings are available](#)) OR [Expected research outcome](#)
- ix. Proposed work schedule based on the submission date of the thesis/dissertation;
and
- x. Concise bibliography.

2) Confirmation Defence (for Fast Track Admission candidates [Accelerated Admission])

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- i. Abstract;
- ii. Introduction, problem statement and scope of research;
- iii. Research objectives;
- iv. Complete literature review;
- v. Robust research methods;
- vi. Significance and relevance of the study;
- vii. Preliminary Findings / Pilot Test (~~Early Findings, if any~~);
- viii. Discussion and Conclusion;
- ix. Proposed work schedule based on the submission date of the thesis/dissertation;
and
- x. Concise bibliography.

3) Candidature Defence

Candidates are required to submit softcopy of complete Candidature Defence report ([include line and page numbers](#)) between 5,000~10,000 words to the Deputy Dean's Office (ias_seminar@um.edu.my) no later than two (2) weeks from the date of presentation ([refer to the latest Seminar Calendar available on the IAS website](#)) including the following:

- i. Abstract (500 words in the Malay and English language);
- ii. Introduction and problem statement;
- iii. Research objectives;
- iv. Importance and relevance of research;
- v. Literature review that is concise and straight to the point;
- vi. Methodology that is solid and well supported;
- vii. Results obtained thus far;
- viii. Discussion and Conclusion;
- ix. [Concise bibliography](#) ~~that is concise and straight to the point;~~
- x. Research plan that leads to submission of dissertation/thesis on the stipulated date; and
- xi. List of publications or conference papers that were presented/cited in the period of candidature, if available.

PROPOSAL / CONFIRMATION / CANDIDATURE DEFENCE SEMINAR

1) Proposal / Confirmation Defence

Presentation duration of the seminar in front of the panel of judges must not exceed 40 minutes, including the question-and-answer session.

- 15 ~ 20 mins presentation, 10 ~ 20 mins Q & A

2) Candidature Defence

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- 15 ~ 20 mins presentation, 20 ~ 40 mins Q & A

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