Research Methods for Public Health

Lecture 7-8
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• A research proposal is intended to convince others that you have a useful research project and that you have the competence and the work-plan to complete it.

Research proposal should contain all the key elements involved in the research process and include sufficient information for the readers to evaluate the proposed study

All research proposals must address the following questions:

What you plan to accomplish, why you want to do it and how you are going to do it.

Components of a research proposal

1- Title -

2- Introduction

3- Literature review 4- Methodology

5- Plan - time frame and schedule of activities

6- Budget

7- Details of research team (signed CV)

• Title

The title of a research proposal should be concise and descriptive.

The title summarizes the main idea or ideas of your study. A good title contains the fewest possible words that describe the contents and/or purpose of your research paper.

Introduction

The main purpose of the introduction is to provide the necessary background or context for the research problem.

It begins with a general statement of the problem area, with a focus on a specific research problem, to be followed by the rational or justification for the proposed study.

- Introduction generally covers the following elements:-
- 1- State the research problem
- 2- Provide the objectives of the study
- 3- Identify the rationale of the proposed study
- 4- Briefly describe the major issues addressed by the research
- 5- State the hypothesis of the study, if any.
- 6- Be aware of the limitations

Objectives of the study

Should be stated clearly
Should be clear and concise
Should be measurable and feasible

• The aim of the literature review is to provide a good background information on the research being proposed.

• It should be brief, and relevant to the research that will be conducted

Methodology

How you plan to solve your research problem?

What are the types of your research study?

1- Quantitative studies 2- Qualitative studies

3- Mix methods

- Methodology consists of the following sections
- 1- Study design
- 3- Subjects or participants
- 5- Study instruments
- 7- Ethical Consideration

- 2- Selection of research location
 - 4- Sample size
- 6- Data collection and analysis

• Plan and time frame

Planning for the research proposal should include the time frame and activity schedule for the proposed research

Year	2004											
Project (Activities)	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D
1.Planning of research												
2. Literature search												
3. Development of												
questionnaire												
4. Pre-testing												
5. Training of researchers and												
research assistants												
6. Data collection												
7. Data entry and analysis												
8. Report writing and												
presentation												

Budget

It is essential to request for an adequate budget for your research study

- Provide a total yearly of the budget needed
- Give appropriate estimates of costs depending on the different areas, eg: travel and transportation, salaries, services, rentals, equipment, utilities, repairs, etc.

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Good Luck for All Students

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