Doctoral Research Proposal

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Total number of words = ...

1. **Title**

- Recommendations

  o It is written in Romanian (above) and in English (below).

  o It should explicitly describe the subject of the topic so that it is easy to identify the field of research.

  o It must be clear, explicit, concise.

  - Evaluation

o The project will be downgraded for inaccurate, unclear, confusing expression.

2. Summary

Abstract

- Recommendations

  o It is written in Romanian, followed by the English version.

  o Each language version will contain a maximum of 250 words.

  o It should provide a concise picture of the following aspects of the proposed topic: the theoretical field in which it falls, the objective of the research, expected results, the estimated theoretical and applied relevance of the results.

  - Evaluation

It will be scored for: the lack of some of the contents mentioned above, the lack of clarity and conciseness of expression.

3. Keywords

- Recommendations

  o Written in romanian and english[1]

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[1] unless the draft is written entirely in English, in which case the text in romanian may be excluded

- o Will be written up to 10 keywords / phrases (but not less than 4), separated by a semicolon (;).

- o It should indicate general, important and defining topics for the proposed subject, which will serve as keys to search and identify specific academic literature.

- Evaluation

- o Will be downgraded for: insufficient number (<4), inappropriate, irrelevant, redundant words.

4. Topic argumentation:

4.1 Theoretical relevance

4.2 Applied relevance

4.3 Personal experience

- Recommendations

- o Maximum 1000 words (not less than 700)
- o addresses all three sections mentioned above:
  - theoretical relevance: the importance and the actuality of the subject in the theoretical and scientific context;
  - applicative relevance: the importance and actuality of the topic, from the perspective of precisely delimited areas;
  - personal research experience and/or applied experience with the proposed topic

- o It must highlight the reasons why the candidate considers that the proposed topic is really important, falls within the theoretical and applied context of the field and can make a real personal contribution to the development of knowledge and practices in that field.

5. The current stage of the research area

- Recommendations

- o Maximum 2000 words (not less than 1000).

o The chapter can be structured in subchapters, at the discretion of the candidate, depending on the nature of the content.

o Compared to the previous chapter, in which the emphasis is on the importance and relevance of the topic, here will be a summary of the results of the most current studies and research in the field.

o Important bibliographical references will be used, on which are based or which have marked recognized contributions to the development of research for the proposed topic. The presentation will usually be based on scientific articles, which will be cited accordingly, aligned to the recommendations in the APA Publication Manual (latest edition). In this context, critical analysis and personal positioning in relation to the cited sources are not necessary.

o Given the breadth of the scientific literature, the candidate will need to demonstrate the ability to select and synthesize information that truly defines the current level of research in the field of the proposed topic.

o If the proposed topic has a pronounced novelty and originality, it is expected to be legitimized by anchoring in a general research context.

- Evaluation

It will be graded for: insufficient content (<1000 words), low relevance of sources, failure to report recognized contributions in field research, lack of a clear and convincing picture of the current state of research in the field.

6. Presentation of the research

　　6.1 Research objectives

　　6.2 Research questions

　　6.3 Methodological guidelines

　　6.4 Alleged contributions

- Recommendations

o Maximum 1500 words (not less than 700).

o The chapter should offer a consistent picture of how the candidate intends to approach the study of the proposed topic.

- **Research objectives:** what are the general objectives pursued in the study of the topic.
- **Research questions:** the list of the most important questions that the author intends to answer at the end of the research (may be more general, to be refined later, during the study).
- **Methodological indications:** fundamental paradigm (quantitative / qualitative), research models considered, internal validity control, measurement and data collection techniques, target population, sampling (estimated volume, method of selection).
- **Presumed contributions:** what aspects of theoretical / applicable novelty the candidate intends to offer through the study of the proposed topic.

o The aspects covered in this chapter may undergo significant changes during the study of the topic, but the candidate must prove from the beginning how he intends to address the proposed topic.

o Not necessarily to be specified: research hypotheses, statistical procedures, name of data collection tools (only their type).

- Evaluation

o It will be scored for: insufficient text (<1000 words), non-coverage of all subchapters, superficial presentation, unconvincing, lack of precision and consistency, lack of methodological accuracy.

7. Bibliographic references

- Recommendations

o Minimum 20 references.

o The list of references will be edited in strict accordance with the recommendations in the APA publication manual (latest edition).

o Mainly scientific sources will be used (articles published in reference journals, books published in prestigious publishing houses, official reports of the institutions, etc.).

- Evaluation

o Will score for: insufficient references (<20), low relevance or outdated references, APA style inconsistent editing.

8. Research structure

8.1 Planning

8.2 Estimated difficulties (risks) and targeted measures

- Recommendations

o   Maximum 700 words (not less than 300).

o   The chapter should provide an overview of the general stage of the doctoral research (how the candidate intends to organize his / her research), the most important difficulties / risks estimated and how to control them.

- Evaluation

   o   Will score for: insufficient presentation (<300 words), unviable planning, failure to report significant difficulties.