

Dissertation Research Prospectus Approval Rubric

Purpose: This rubric is designed to evaluate the quality and readiness of a student's prospectus for approval. It ensures that all critical components are thoroughly reviewed and meet the academic standards required for progression.

	0	1	2	3	Score
Clarity of Research Problem	Research problems are vague, poorly defined, or not justified.	Research problems lack clarity or significance.	Research problems are defined with minor clarity issues.	Research problem is clearly defined, significant, and well-justified.	
Literature Review	Inadequate review with minimal or irrelevant sources.	Limited review with outdated or insufficient sources; weak synthesis.	Good review with relevant sources but lacks depth in synthesis or analysis.	Comprehensive review with relevant, current, and credible sources. Shows strong synthesis and critical analysis.	
Research Questions /Hypotheses	Unclear, poorly formulated, or not aligned with the research problem.	Vague or partially aligned with the research problem.	Adequately stated but may lack specificity or alignment.	Clearly stated, specific, and aligned with the research problem.	

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Methodology	Methodology is inappropriate, poorly described, or unjustified.	Methodology is partially appropriate or lacks critical details.	Adequately stated but may lack specificity or alignment.	Clearly stated, specific, and aligned with the research problem.	
Feasibility and Ethical Considerations	Infeasible or ethical issues are not adequately considered.	Questionable feasibility or ethical concerns not fully addressed.	Feasible but with minor ethical considerations needing clarification.	Clearly feasible with well-addressed ethical considerations.	
Organization and Writing Quality	Poorly organized with significant clarity and grammatical issues.	Some organizational or grammatical issues affecting readability.	Organized with minor clarity or grammatical issues.	Well-organized, clear, concise, and free of grammatical errors.	
Adherence to Guidelines	Does not adhere to guidelines or APA 7th edition standards.	Several deviations from guidelines and APA 7th edition requirements.	Minor deviations from guidelines, including APA 7th edition formatting.	Fully adheres to all formatting and submission guidelines, including APA 7th edition.	

Total Rubric Score:

- ☐ 18-21: Approved with Excellence
- ☐ 14-17: Approved with Minor Revisions
- ☐ 10-13: Major Revisions Required - Not Approved
- ☐ Below 10: Not Approved - Chair and Student Required to Meet with the PC.



Notes: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Date: _____