

## SAMPLE OF SYNOPSIS FOR M/PHIL, PHD ADMISSION

The purpose of this write-up is to introduce a uniform and consistent methodology for submitting the contents of synopsis for M. Phil./ Ph.D. admissions submitted to Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR), University of Karachi. A subcommittee which was constituted by BASR including Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ahmed Qadri, Members BASR, Prof. Dr. Jamil Kazmi and Prof. Dr. Anila Amber Malik carefully reviewed the sample of synopsis for M. Phil./ Ph.D research which was developed by a committee, constituted by Dean Social Sciences, comprised of social sciences faculty members. After incorporating some modifications the BASR Sub Committee members suggested the following sample of synopsis to the BASR for consideration and approval. Synopsis will be divided into following items, pertaining to the nature of research.

QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Topic of Research.</b> The applicant is supposed to come up with a clear, logical and coherent topic of research.</li> <li>2. <b>Abstract</b> of one page, double space,</li> <li>3. <b>Outline/ Tentative Table of Content</b> composed of the titles of chapters and the categorization of chapters.</li> <li>4. <b>Introduction</b> Conceptual/theoretical Content, Scope, Significance, Rationale</li> <li>5. <b>Literature review</b></li> <li>6. <b>Objectives of research</b></li> <li>7. <b>Research Questions</b></li> <li>8. <b>Hypothesis/ Hypotheses</b></li> <li>9. <b>Method</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b>Sampling</b></li> <li>B. <b>Measurement/ Instrument</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>C. <b>Research design.</b> This is the most important component of synopsis where the applicant will include the following items:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>D. <b>Proposed Data Analysis</b></li> <li>E. <b>Time Frame.</b> It means the applicant will mention the timeline for his/her topic of research.</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. <b>References.</b> This item needs to follow the style of writing References and must have a list of minimum 15 and maximum 25 scholarly articles/ Books References in American Psychological Association Style of Writing etc.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Topic of Research.</b> The applicant is supposed to come up with a clear, logical and coherent topic of research.</li> <li>2. <b>Abstract</b> of one page, double space,</li> <li>3. <b>Outline</b> composed of the titles of chapters and the categorization of chapters.</li> <li>4. <b>Research design.</b> This is the most important component of synopsis where the applicant will include the following items:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b>Introduction, scope, rationale and significance of topic.</b></li> <li>B. <b>Conceptual/theoretical Content (if required).</b></li> <li>C. <b>Objectives of research</b></li> <li>D. <b>Literature review</b></li> <li>E. <b>Methodology</b></li> <li>F. <b>Time Frame.</b> It means the applicant will mention the timeline for his/her topic of research.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <b>Bibliography.</b> This item needs to follow the style of writing bibliography and must have a list of minimum 10 and maximum 15 books. i.e. MLA, MHRA, CHICAGO STYLE, SHEET, APA etc. Bibliography may also include the list of articles published in research journals names of newspapers to be consulted.</li> </ol>

### Additional requirements:

1. **Font Style:** Times New Roman 2. **Font Size:** 14 for the main heading and 12 for sub-headings, **Font of Running Text:** 12.

Research supervisors are requested to make sure that the synopsis submitted by their research students follows the format of writing the synopsis approved by the BASR.