

Guidelines for Submission of Research Proposal

1. **The Research Proposal**, written in Hebrew or English, is to be submitted to the Office for **Research Students not later than 12 months** from the date of the student's acceptance to doctoral studies. Students in the "**Combined Program**" must submit their Research Proposal during the first month of their studies. Students in the **direct track** must submit their research program by the end of the first month of the fifth semester of their studies.

2. Submission of the Research Proposal and Accompanying Forms

- 2.1 After approval by the Thesis Advisor and the Head of the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, the student is required to submit **5 typed copies on A4 paper**.
- 2.2 One copy must also be submitted either on a CD or via E-mail in PDF format.
- 2.3 The Research Proposal itself should not exceed 20 pages**, not counting the bibliography (longer Proposals will be rejected).

3. Contents of the Research Proposal

- 3.1 A title-page (see following example) approved and signed by the Advisor and by the Head of the Departmental Committee.
- 3.2 A one-page Hebrew abstract for a Hebrew Thesis and two single-paged Hebrew and English abstracts for a non-Hebrew Thesis.

Foreign students are exempt from including a Hebrew abstract in the proposal .
The final thesis will include an abstract in Hebrew and an abstract in English, that will be a direct translation of each

- 3.3 The goal of the research and the main Thesis hypotheses.
- 3.4 The significance of the work and its scientific background.
- 3.5 Anticipated innovations resulting from this research.
- 3.6 Prior research and publications on this topic.
- 3.7 The research methodology; the techniques and stages towards proving the hypotheses.
- 3.8 Bibliographic references from the academic literature in the field.
- 3.9 A preliminary outline of the entire work (**Humanities students only**).
- 3.10 **Initial results indicating the practicality of the Proposal**

4. Students in the "**Combined Program**" must also include a section describing their Masters' research, their results and findings, and their interim conclusions. This section must be sufficiently detailed so that the reader can judge the quality and breadth of the prior work, to assess its contribution to the solution of the general problem.

NOTE: In the case of "Combined Program**" students--the Research Proposal may be up to 60 pages in length, including the bibliography. For the Humanities, it may be up to 100 pages, including the bibliography.

Example of a title-page page:

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Research Proposal for a Ph.D. Thesis

English title

Hebrew title

Student's name

Date

Advisor's name and signature:

Head of Departmental Committee's name and signature: