



## **DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS**

Doctoral Candidates should submit a final prospectus to their dissertation committee for review soon after advancement to candidacy, and prior to beginning your dissertation writing. The Prospectus should be approved a minimum of six months before scheduling the Final Oral Defense. The prospectus provides a preliminary description of the proposed dissertation.

The Dissertation Prospectus should include a

### **Title Page**

Title, double spaced if over one line and centered at top of the page  
Name, Program, Student ID, double spaced and centered under title

### **Problem Statement**

One to two page research statement contains the following:

- Argument to address the gap in research literature in terms of relevance to the discipline
- Evidence (citations) providing justification that this research is meaningful
- Purpose of study
- What needs to be studied, describing variable and conjectured relationship among them

### **Research Question**

Which will be the foundation for the generation of a Hypotheses

### **Significance**

One to two paragraphs

### **Background**

Literature search supporting assertions in the Problem Statement

### **Framework**

Identifies Research design decisions: method of inquiry, data collection and analysis.

**Other Information** such as challenges or barriers that may need to be addressed.

### **References**



**DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS APPROVAL**

**Student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

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