

iMET Research Proposal

1. Area of Focus Statement

An area of focus statement identifies the purpose of your study. To start, write a statement that completes the following sentence: "The purpose of this study is to. . ."

2. Research Questions

One of the most difficult things to do is to define a solid, over-arching research question. Most researchers initially can make statements about their proposed research easier than they can produce a research question.

3. Description of the Innovation/Intervention

For this section write a description of the specifics of what you will do (your intervention).

4. Annotated Bibliography

An annotated bibliography is a list of literature resources that includes both the citation information (where the document came from) and a short description of what content is contained in the document.

5. Description of Study Participants

Describe the characteristics of the group members who will be included in your study.

6. Description of Negotiations

What will you need to do to implement your study. This includes items such as scheduling of labs, permissions, etc.

7. Timeline

The timeline should contain the dates from the beginning to the end of the study and should list any activity that you will be involved related to your study.

8. Statement of Required Resources

This is similar to listing the materials for a lesson plan. What will you need (people, materials, rooms, etc.)

9. Description of Data Collection Strategies

Data collection methods include items such as journals, interviews and surveys.

10. Description of how your study will be conducted in a trustworthy way.

Trustworthiness refers to how a study is designed in regard to how it accounts for bias. In action research, this is accomplished through the use of a variety of data collection tools to look at the same data.

11. Description of Validity

Closely related to trustworthiness, Validity in action research refers to a specific framework which governs how researchers reach findings in ways that accounts for bias, chance occurrences, and other factors.

12. Special Considerations

Special considerations will be anything that you identify that will need to be considered and addressed for your study to be successful.