

GUIDELINES/EVALUATION CHECKLIST FOR MRP PLAN

Develop a plan for your major research project. The focus is on developing the literature review and rationale for your project, specifying your objectives, and outlining your methods (e.g., describing your sample, defining your variables of interest and how they will be operationalized). Include preliminary ideas about the data analysis techniques you will use.

Components:

- Title/Introduction/abstract
- Summary of Literature review/conceptual framework. Max 1000 words.
- Rationale/Objectives: What is the purpose of this project? What population group(s) will/might benefit from this work and how? Identify intended audience and their needs. Max 200 words.
- Methods, tools and techniques: What methods will you use to ensure that this is a high quality MRP? Why are these methods appropriate for this project? Max 500 words.
- Deliverables/Anticipated implications. Max 250 words.
- References: List properly formatted according to instructions by faculty supervisor.
- Dissemination plans: How will your MRP be disseminated to the public? Max 200 words.

MRP Plan Checklist (Where appropriate)

- Is the literature review/conceptual framework logically organized? Is the literature relevant to the topic? Have key references been included?
- Is a clear rationale for the project developed? Clear statement of research intent? Is the gap in the existing literature identified? Is the potential contribution of the proposed project to this gap identified?
- Are the objectives clearly stated?
- If applicable:
 - Has an appropriate sample or dataset been selected? Has the sample been described, including the rationale for inclusion/exclusion criteria? Are the sampling and recruitment strategy described?
 - Is the type of methodology/theoretical approach used for the project clearly stated? Is it appropriate for investigation of this topic?
 - If applicable, have the dependent variable (DV) and independent variables (IV) clearly been defined? Is it clear how they have been operationalized? Has the interview guide, questionnaire, or survey tool been developed and included within the proposal.
 - Have possible confounding variables been identified from the literature? Is it clear whether potential confounders will be included in the analysis and how they will be operationalized?
 - Has a tentative research model/framework been developed?
 - Are data analysis plans tentatively discussed? Describe the process of analysis in detail, emergence and evolution of themes, use of qualitative/quantitative analysis software.
 - Are the potential implications of the project described?
 - Is there a description of ethics submission or approval?
- Does the project's depth seem appropriate? Is the material critically evaluated and understood? Is it a good synthesis and integration of material? Does the discussion flow logically?
- Is the proposal clear and concise and free of grammatical and spelling errors? Sentences/paragraphs are properly structured?