

Thesis/Project Proposal Guidelines
For
Applicants to TESOL MA program

Specifications

1. Working title of thesis or project (centered, at top).
2. Under the title, designate whether it is a thesis or project proposal.
3. Applicant's name should follow the first two items (above).
4. The overall length should be between 500 and 750 words.
5. The proposal needs to be clearly written with the research/project idea well articulated.
6. The writing should also be free of mechanical errors.
7. The use of section headings (see suggested content items below) is highly recommended.

Suggested Content (not necessarily in this order)

- A. **Introduction:** What you plan to research (in your thesis) or develop (in your project).
- B. **Rationale:** Why your project or thesis research is important; the benefits it will produce.
- C. **Context:** Relevant professional literature (for a thesis) or the setting where the project will be used.
- D. **Methodology:** How you plan to carry out your research or develop your project.
- E. **Other people involved:** Students, faculty members, participants/subjects, pilot groups, classes, institutions, etc.
- F. **Timeline for completion:** The steps you now envision and when you will do each one.
- G. **Feasibility of your work:** Your projection of costs, cooperation of others, time involved, etc.
- H. **Coursework:** Elective classes (or other studies) you will take to support your work on this thesis/project.