QUALITATIVE DISSERTATION PROPOSAL OUTLINE

Note: To be completed in preparation for the Initial Dissertation Meeting (IM); the Proposal Outline becomes the foundation of the 3-chapter dissertation proposal.

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Proposed Dissertation Title (no more than 10-12 words)

Introduction to the Study (1-2 pages)

Organizing (Theoretical/Conceptual) Boundaries

Purpose of the Study

Significance of the Study (describe the contributions of this research to the existing body of leadership research; who might benefit from the results? Be specific)

Research Question(s) (briefly describe the broad initial question; the precise nature of which will
emerge during data collection and interaction with research participants)

**Research Design** (briefly describe research design proposed for this study (i.e., qualitative interviewing, content analysis, case study, phenomenology, ethnography, ect.))

**Research Participants** (sample size estimate and sampling procedures)

**Data Collection Procedure**

**Pilot Study** (for example, pilot testing interview protocol)

**Proposed Data Analysis**
Limitations and delimitations

a. **Limitations** – refer to restriction in a study over which the researcher has no control. For example, you may be limited to only a narrow segment of the population you wish to study, or you may be limited by the method you elect to use,

b. **Delimitations** – imply limitations on the research design that the researcher has deliberately imposed. These delimitations usually restrict the populations to which the results of the study can be generalized (Rudestam & Newton, 2001, p. 90).

Ethical Issues (describe the procedures to be undertaken to protect research participants anonymity, confidentiality and how informed consent will be ensured; IRB)

References


Proposed Timelines

IM
Proposal Defense
Data Collection
Dissertation Defense
Graduation

RAC Committee
Chair (Member 1):
Member 2:
Member 3:
Member 4:
Member 5: