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FORMAT OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

(FOR DOCTOR OF SCIENCE - D.SC. / DOCTOR OF LITERATURE - D.LITT.)

Centre for Interdisciplinary Doctoral & Postdoctoral Research
Desh Bhagat University (NAAC A+ Accredited)

1. Title of the Research Proposal

- Title should be precise, original, and impactful
- Must reflect advanced scholarship and post-doctoral level contribution

2. Executive Summary (500–700 words)

A concise overview covering:

- Research theme and problem statement
- Central argument / innovation
- Key contributions to knowledge and society
- Rationale for consideration under Higher Doctoral Degree (D.Sc./D.Litt.)

3. Background & Context of the Study

- Scholarly background of the subject area
- Global and national research context
- Identification of gaps in existing literature
- Relevance of the study in contemporary academic and societal discourse

4. Statement of Original Contribution **(Mandatory and most critical section)**

The candidate must clearly demonstrate:

- What is new, original, and distinct in the proposed research
- How it extends beyond the Ph.D. work
- Contribution to theory, practice, policy, or society
- Justification for qualification as a Higher Doctoral Degree

5. Review of Scholarly Work & Contributions

- Summary of candidate's:
- Publications (books, monographs, journal papers)
- Patents / creative works / policy documents (if any)
- Impact of work:
- Citations
- Recognitions
- Academic or societal influence
- Distinction from earlier doctoral research

6. Research Objectives & Key Research Questions

- Clearly defined objectives
- Advanced-level research questions
- Interdisciplinary / transdisciplinary approach encouraged

7. Research Methodology

- Conceptual / theoretical framework
- Research design and approach
- Methods of analysis
- Data sources / tools / techniques (where applicable)
- Ethical considerations

8. Interdisciplinary & Societal Impact

- Academic significance
- Societal, policy, industry, or cultural impact
- Alignment with national / global priorities
- Potential contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), where relevant

9. Global Relevance & Benchmarking

- Alignment with international research trends
- Comparative relevance with global scholarship
- Scope for international dissemination, collaboration, or adoption

10. Expected Outcomes

- Scholarly outputs:
- Books / monographs
- High-impact publications :- Minimum two Q1/Q2 levels international publications required, indexed in Scopus/ Web of Science, having impact factor (Clarivate JCR/ SCImago Journal Rank) greater than five (5). No any other impact factors will be considered.
- Societal or policy impact
- Long-term contribution to the discipline



11. Proposed Timeline (Maximum 2 Years)

- Year-wise / semester-wise plan
- Key milestones:
- Review
- Assessment
- Presentation
- Final submission

12. Declaration of Academic Integrity

A signed declaration stating:

- The work is original
- It is not a repetition of Ph.D. research
- Ethical and academic standards will be maintained

13. Annexures

- Detailed Academic CV
- List of Publications / Creative Works
- Evidence of Impact (citations, awards, recognitions, patents, policy use, etc.)
- Any other relevant supporting documents

Important Notes

- This is NOT a Ph.D. programme
- Only candidates holding a recognized doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) are eligible
- Admission will be based on rigorous scrutiny by an Expert Committee
- The University reserves the right to seek presentations / interviews / Addi



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