

A proposal is a detailed and precise description of the project you have agreed to complete with your academic supervisor. In a proposal, you define the goals of your research work, reflect upon theoretical and methodical procedures and you describe the individual steps.

The objective

- What is the subject of your research project?
- Which steps are planned?
- What is the time schedule for your planned research project?

The structure

The description (maximum of 10 pages) should contain details about:

1. The research field in general and the current state of research literature:
 - What is the current state of research?
 - Which theories/work of other academic will you draw upon?
 - What theoretical framework or scientific models will you use? Discuss the reasons why you are drawing on this theory or model. Are there competing theories/models and, if so, why are you not using these in your project?
 - What is your research question?
2. Key research questions (hypotheses), research objectives and the academic relevance of the project:
 - What do you intend to find out?
 - What goals are you pursuing with your project?
3. Research strategies/methods:
 - How do you intend answering the research questions?
 - How do you want to collect data (document analyses, quantitative or qualitative survey, experiment, etc.)?
 - Which academic literature will you use?
 - How will you evaluate results?
 - What preparation have you already done or intend doing before funding begins?
4. Ethical issues/anticipated difficulties related to collecting data
5. Research bibliography: List of books and essays upon which your work is based.

Please note that the time plan must be uploaded to the DAAD portal as a **separate** document.