

## **Format for Undergraduate Research Proposal**

**Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences,  
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.**

### **Cover Sheet**

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#### **Undergraduate Research Proposal**

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#### **Proposed Study Title**

Name of the Researcher

Department of Natural Resources,  
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka,  
P.O. Box. 02, Belihuloya 70140.

Date of Submission

### **Table of Contents**

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## **1. Details of the Undergraduate Research Project**

Proposed Study Title (no more than a maximum of 16 **words**, preferably shorter, but sufficiently informative)

Name of the Researcher

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Name of Internal Supervisor (s)

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Name of External Supervisor (s)

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## 2. Introduction

[Maximum of **four, 1.5-spaced A4 pages**: 12 point font with 2.5 cm margin on each side]  
Should cover the following content in general

- Background Information: Please include a short review of relevant literature. Try to identify at **least 3-5** related peer reviewed journal articles from within the scope of your study. Citations are essential and they should be provided methodically.
- Research Problem: Provide a clear and simple description of the problem identified for the research.
- Rationale: Justification of the study by emphasizing the importance of solving the research problem.
- Policy Context and applications: **If relevant**, describe how your research would inform specific management and/or policy reforms and its application values.

## 3. Objectives:

Identify a single **Primary/Overall Objective** and not more than four **Specific Research Objectives**.

## 4. Proposed Research Methods

[Maximum of **four, 1.5-spaced A4 pages**: 12 point font with 2.5 cm margin on each side]  
Should cover the following content in general

- Description of the study site/taxa [**if any**]
- Hypothesis/es to be tested [**if any**] or research questions to be answered [**as relevant to your study**]
  - Please note that hypotheses are generally but not essentially parts of a quantitative study, while research questions are essentially but not exclusively parts of a qualitative study, while your research could also be a mixed mode research where some specific objectives are achieved quantitatively, while the others through qualitative methods.
- Methods for data collection [0.5 - 1 pages]
- Methods for analyses of data [0.5 - 1 pages].
  - Please note that the above two sections should link to each of your specific objectives, and then to the hypotheses/research questions thereof.
- Expected results and applications [**if any**]
  - Preferably under each specific objective

## 5. Time Line

[the use of 'Windows Visio' is suggested]

## 6. Status of permits and clearance

e.g. Permits from the Department of Wildlife Conservation, ethical clearance from relevant authorities, etc. [**only when applicable**]

## 7. References

[Use a bibliography manager to compile your references – 'EndNote' or 'EndNote Web' are suggested]