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### Ph.D /Masters. Concept Paper Form

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**A concept paper is meant to give your department an idea of your area of research interest to help in identifying supervisors for your thesis. Please complete this template accurately.**

<p><b>Title of Proposed Study:</b> (The title should be a concise statement of the main topic and should identify the variables or theoretical issues under investigation. It should not exceed 15 words in length)</p>
<p><b>Area of Study:</b> (This is an area or field where you have a curiosity. E.g. A student in computing science may be curious about systems security or internet fraud)</p>
<p><b>Background of the Study:</b> (This what you have read and observed which has had an impact on your thinking about the topic)</p>
<p><b>Statement of the Problem:</b> (This is the gap in knowledge/literature which you want your research findings to fill)</p>
<p><b>Objectives of the Study:</b> (These are what you intend to achieve in your proposed research)</p>
<p><b>Research Questions:</b> (These are the questions you wish to answer in your study. The questions should be derived from the research objectives)</p>



**Literature Review:** (This is a brief review of the current literature about the proposed area of research)

**Theoretical Framework:** (Give a brief description of the theory on which your proposed study is based)

**Research Methodology:** (Give a brief description of the method you intend to use whether quantitative, qualitative or mixed. Indicate what kind of data you will collect, where and how you will collect it)

**References:** (Give a list of all works—journals, books, theses, reports and internet sources you cited in this concept paper. It should be prepared according to the APA style of referencing)

