

## Research Proposal for PhD in Linguistics

The research proposal is one of the requirements for admission to the PhD in Linguistics program offered by the Department of Linguistics, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman. Your proposal should contain the topic of research that you intend to pursue during your stay in the program. It should also reflect your knowledge and skills in conducting and writing an original research project that is aligned with the Research Agenda of the Department.

The proposal should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length, and should contain the following key sections:

1. Title of proposed research

This should provide clear information about the proposed research project that is within the scope of the field of Philippine linguistics.

2. Background of the study

Why is your proposed research project important and interesting? Show how your research is built upon existing scholarship and key literature in the field in which your study is placed. Provide a context for the proposed research by stating the need for further research in the area.

3. Research questions

What is the general objective of your research? What are the specific objectives? Explain how your research project will produce an original work that will contribute to the general Philippine linguistic scholarship.

4. Plans for data collection and analysis

Describe the data that you plan to gather for your research. How do you plan to collect the data? What are the possible ethical issues that need to be considered? Provide an overview of how you intend to analyze the data collected by discussing the framework that you will use and the kind of analysis that you intend to perform, and how it will adequately answer all your research questions.

5. Fit with Departmental Research Agenda

Examine the UP Department of Linguistics Research Agenda (that may be accessed through this link: <https://linguistics.upd.edu.ph/research/research-areas/>) before drafting your proposal to ensure that there is a graduate faculty from the Department who will be able and interested to supervise you in your project.

6. References

List down the works that you consulted in formulating your proposal. As much as possible, write your proposal and bibliography in the APA format ([https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_format.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html)).