**[R2: H01] AURA R2: Individual activity: Present your research proposal**

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| FORM:Research Project Proposal[TITLE]By [NAME OF AUTHOR] at [YOUR INSTITUTION]Background and scopeWhat is already known or unknown? Set the scene of context and situation. Identify some of the key concepts that sit at the core of your study (and the academic discipline that your project relates to). This will also allow you to define the scope of the research project; state what are you covering and addressing and make explicit what you are NOT covering and addressing (define the boundaries).Impact, outcomes and rationaleThe main question you will be addressing in this section is: how will the research benefit the wider society or contribute to the research community? Think about the purpose of the researcher project and why it is important? It is not sufficient that it is important to you; you will have to define (and prove) why is/ or should be important to others (especially the people that might fund you implementing your proposal. So, what are the expected outcomes and how will the outputs you intend to deliver contribute to these!?You can do this by highlighting your project’s originality and by outlining the benefits and/or innovative applications of knowledge. In this process you also need to identify who the stakeholders of your project are: Who might benefit? Who might be uncomfortable with you pursuing this enquiry?AimsIn this section you are addressing more specifically what you want to find out, prove, demonstrate, analyse, test, investigate or examine. List your project aims in a logical sequence. For example:The aim of this document is to: a) Provide an outline of a research proposal; b) enable a researcher to prepare a research proposal. Out of the purpose of your research and the aims you outline, try to outline more specific research objectives and the research questions that go with it.Research design and methodologyFor the purposes of R2 this will be the focus of our work. It is expected that the research design and methodology have clear connections with the purpose, aims and research questions you have outlined above. If you have not already, outline if you are working with a hypothesis. Describe how you anticipate you will achieve your research aims and answer your research questions. Additionally, answer how you will be gathering the data necessary to answer your research questions and what the assumptions are, that underpin your research project and design?You might also want to touch on some more practical aspects, like:* What do you need? (specify any special equipment, software or material)
* Can you access necessary data or expertise?
* Do you require particular resources?
* Are there barriers or pitfalls?
* Does the project involve human ethics, animal ethics or safety implications?
* Is travel or fieldwork required? If so, where to, how long and at what intervals?

 Project planFinally, provide a detailed explanation of the stages in the research and the major tasks to be undertaken within each stage of your work. Show that you have considered the best methods to achieve the aims. Indicate the timeframe for each broad stage considering literature surveys, data collection, production, modelling, review, analysis, testing, reporting, chapter and report/paper writing, and any deadlines you might have.. |