

(Sample)

WJC Independent Study Project (ISP) Proposal

Student's Name

Home University

Title of Project

Your title should give a clear indication of your proposed research approach or key question(s)

Introduction

The first part of your proposal is the initial pitch for your project, so make sure it succinctly explains what you want to do and why. Some important questions to guide your research question(s) include:

- What is the central research problem?
- Why is this research important?
- Why it is worth doing?

Research Question(s)

You should formulate your research question(s) clearly, giving an explanation as to what problems and issues are to be explored and why they are worth exploring.

Research methods

Explain how you plan to go about conducting your research. Clearly identify the key sources you intend to use and explain how they will contribute to your analysis of the topic.

Key sources:

- What or who will you study (e.g. college students in Fukuoka; Japanese newspaper archives 1980-2000)?

Methods:

- What tools and procedures will you use (e.g. surveys, interviews, observations, experiments)?
- Why are these the best methods to answer your research questions?

Progress to date

References:

<https://www.scribbr.com/research-process/research-proposal/>

<https://libguides.usc.edu/writingguide/researchproposal>