



Template to prepare an outline for a PhD topic before enrolment begins.

Candidates who have completed their second round of interviews must submit a synopsis outline of their proposed research topic for further discussion with their potential PhD supervisor. Based on the interview, the interests expressed by the candidates have helped suggest relevant issues. This exercise serves a crucial purpose: it allows both the candidates and their supervisors to assess and understand the candidates' approach and perspective toward their doctoral studies.

The initial outline may undergo revisions following in-depth discussions with the assigned PhD supervisor, ensuring that it aligns with the academic goals and research objectives of both the candidate and the supervisor. This collaborative process fosters a more refined and focused research direction, ultimately enhancing the candidate's PhD journey.

1. Researcher's Name
2. Research Topic Title
3. Date of Submission: 10th February 2025
4. Introduction (not more than 150 words)
 - Provide background information on the research topic
 - Explain the rationale for the study
5. Literature Review (not more than 200 words)
 - Conduct a critical analysis of existing research related to the topic
 - Identify gaps in current knowledge
 - Outline the study framework
6. Study area (not more than 200 words)
 - Define your study area
 - Provide a map delineating the boundaries of the study area
 - Clearly show the sites where intensive work will be carried out
7. Objectives (not more than 100 words)
 - Clearly define the research problem with two to three objectives
 - Formulate research questions or hypotheses
8. Methods and methodology (not more than 200 words)
 - Describe the research design
 - Detail the data collection methods
 - Specify the data analysis techniques employed
 - You may provide an illustration flow chart to present the methods section
9. Expected Results (not more than 60 words)
 - Outline probable findings, incorporating tables, graphs, and statistical analysis

10. Potential directions for conservation implications (not more than 100 words)
11. Potential funding supports where the student has applied or may apply
12. Willingness to work full-time and without area restrictions (within India)

Sign the document indicating a commitment to enrol in the PhD program offered by the BNHS. Mention that you fully understand and agree to adhere to the guidelines established by the University Grants Commission (UGC), University of Mumbai, and any specialised regulations and instructions that BNHS may issue occasionally. You should acknowledge the importance of these guidelines in maintaining the academic integrity and standards of the program, and you will be dedicated to fulfilling them throughout your doctoral studies.

Terms and Conditions

1. BNHS does not provide any stipend; however, students can apply for funding from various agencies.
2. BNHS may assign students to an ongoing project.
3. BNHS may offer some form of remuneration if students are involved in an existing project.
4. As this is a field-oriented research program, students must possess good physical stamina.
5. Students must engage in fieldwork for at least two weeks per month, either in the field or laboratory.
6. Students must submit quarterly progress reports, which the Research Evaluation Committee (REC) will review. Physical attendance is mandatory.
7. Six months of coursework, including theory sessions and practicals, is mandatory.
8. Continuing a Ph.D. program depends on the timely payment of institutional and university fees.

Topic outline and undertaking need to be submitted to **usd@bnhs.org**