



## **Guidelines for drafting the Research Proposal**

The research proposal may be written in either Italian or English and must include the followings:

1. **Title**  
*Indicate the title of the research proposal.*
2. **State of the Art**  
*Describe the scientific and disciplinary context of the proposed research: previous studies and research, what is already known, what remains to be clarified, and any contradictions or uncertainties present in the literature.*  
Minimum length: 6.000 characters; maximum length: 15.000 characters (including spaces).
3. **Objectives**  
*State the aim of the research and the working hypotheses to be explored.*  
Minimum length: 1.500 characters; maximum length: 3.000 characters (including spaces).
4. **Methods**  
*Describe the operational plan of the research: the chosen methodologies and the rationale for their use, the planned phases and activities, the tools and resources required.*  
Minimum length: 3.000 characters; maximum length: 15.000 characters (including spaces).
5. **Significance of the study**  
*Indicate the expected results, the aspects the project aims to clarify, and the elements of innovation.*  
Minimum length: 1.000 characters; maximum length: 1.500 characters (including spaces).
6. **Bibliography**  
*Provide a list of the sources and bibliographic references used in defining the project.*

*Note: To comply with the character limits, candidates are advised to use the word count tools available in the Word application. The final file must be saved in PDF format.*

**WARNING: THE CANDIDATE MUST NOT INCLUDE THEIR NAME IN THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL, UNDER PENALTY OF EXCLUSION FROM THE COMPETITION. THE NAME MUST BE ENTERED ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL.**