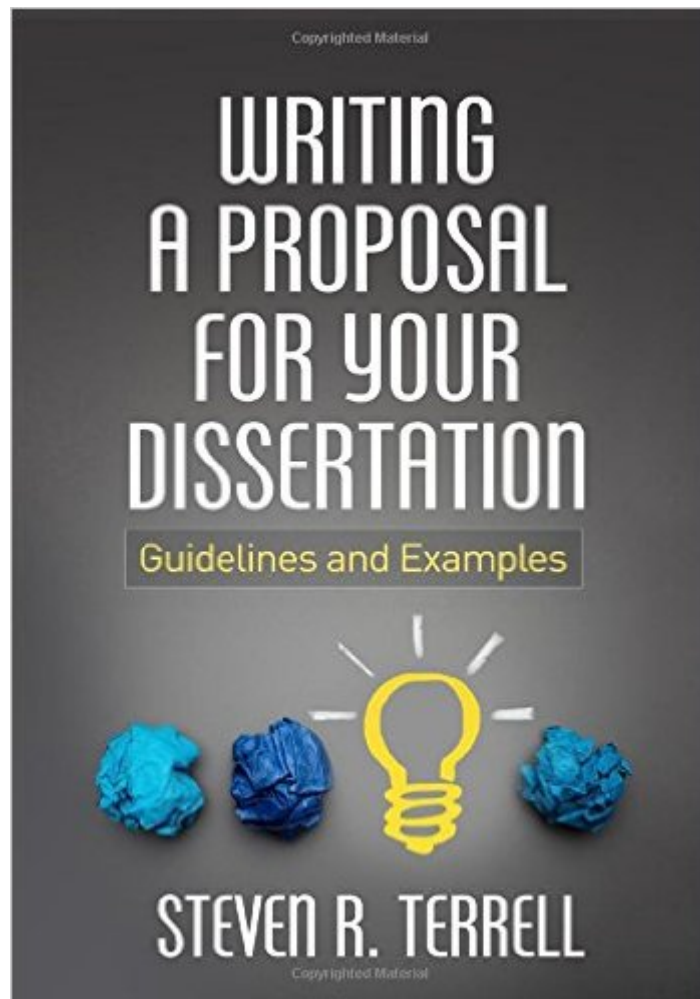# Writing A Proposal For Your Dissertation: Guidelines And Examples

Synopsis

This user-friendly guide helps students get started on--and complete--a successful doctoral dissertation proposal by accessibly explaining the process and breaking it down into manageable steps. Steven R. Terrell demonstrates how to write each chapter of the proposal, including the problem statement, purpose statement, and research questions and hypotheses; literature review; and detailed plan for data collection and analysis. Of special utility, end-of-chapter exercises serve as building blocks for developing a full draft of an original proposal. Numerous case study examples are drawn from across the social, behavioral, and health science disciplines. Appendices present an exemplary proposal written three ways to encompass quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods designs. Pedagogical Features: *"Let's Start Writing" exercises leading up to a complete proposal draft. *"Do You Understand?" checklists of key terms plus an end-of-book glossary. *End-of-chapter quizzes with answers. *Case study examples from education, psychology, health sciences, business, and information systems. *Sample proposal with three variants of the methods chapter: quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods.

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Full disclosure: Dr. Terrell was my best professor at Nova Southeastern where I earned my Ed.S. He is not only amazing at explaining the use of statistics (his other book), he is the only professor that ever explained the dissertation process to me in a way that made sense. If you are writing a dissertation, this is the book you need.

Okay, so this is like the fifth or sixth text on how to plan and write a dissertation proposal that I've read. And what a pleasant surprise!Unlike most of its counterparts that read almost as confusing as the proposal stage itself, this book presents the rationale behind the essential components of each proposal chapter in concise, easy-to-follow language. In particular, the author's insight that the problem statement, the purpose statement, the research questions, the hypotheses from chapter 1 of the proposal must be logically connected to the literature review in chapter 2 was very inspiring personally. I also liked how concrete examples are provided to illustrate the logical considerations behind each (sub)section of the proposal.In all honesty, this is perhaps the only text I've read that actually does what it set out to accomplish -- to demystify the proposal planning and writing process, that is.

This is an excellent book for any PhD student doing research or working on Dissertation. The book has been writing by one of the best professor. Dr. Terrell has the knowledge and experience in the area of qualitative and quantities research, and he loves to teach others how to do research. I highly recommend this book to any professional engaged in research or working on Dissertation.

very good text for beginners who aspire to write a good dissertation, down to earth explanations nothing could be more basic than this. I am using it to review my dissertation to know where I have gone erroneously wrong?

Excellent guide to writing a dissertation proposal. The author writes in a very engaging style and clearly and succinctly covers all the bases. There may be some review if you've already taken some research methodology course work but Dr. Terrell puts all of your course work into the context of proposal writing. It all comes together in these pages.

This book reveals in my opinion an excellent way to clear up the potential murky details of the proposal stage. This book is written in such a way that is easy to understand and the author's comments have saved me valuable time and money. I really appreciate this book and I wish that I would have purchased it sooner. In addition, after reading this book I felt like I did the first time I put on my first pair of prescription eyeglasses. Everything regarding the dissertation proposal process is clearer.

This book met more than my expectations! Dr. Terrell is great at breaking things into a simplified method. I knew this book would be great because his book "Statistics Translated" is in my collection of doctoral resources. All doctoral students need to purchase this book!

This is super helpful. It outlines the requirements of dissertation proposals in a clear, easy to read manner.

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