**Research Proposal**

**Parameters**

Word document with 2 – 5 pages, 12-pt *Times New Roman* font, single-spaced, standard block paragraphs, with one inch margins.

Follows “Outline” format below.

One edit allowed via Rivermail.

**Outline of Proposal**

Purpose

Purpose statement in the form: “The purpose of this research is to…” (This is a restatement of your research question.)

Literature Review

Minimum of 3 articles (maximum of 5) with .edu, .gov, .org endings, or permission of instructor (Write a paragraph for each article.). At least one must include reference to a confounding variable (e.g., age, gender, etc.).

Hypotheses

List research and null hypotheses.

Design (i.e., Data Collection)

Sampling, including size, target, and method.

Experimental Treatment *v* Control Treatment.

Procedures to ensure uniformity.

Statistical Analysis

Multiple regression or logistic regression to control for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (This is determined based on your literature review.).

Include discussion on study limitations.

References

Uniformly formatted.

**General Scoring Guide**

*Exemplary Response* **ER** (full credit) – Gives a complete response with a clear, coherent, unambiguous, and eloquent explanation. The response is accurate, complete, and fulfills all the requirements. Necessary supporting information or examples are included.

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