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My beloved colleagues Assalamu alaikum,

WHAT IS A PhD PROPOSAL? Series 1

Proposal is a solid and convincing **framework** of a PhD thesis that must **underline the originality of a research**. It also must delineate a **significant contribution** to the existing intellectual knowledge. The proposal must **either challenge or support** the existing literature on the proposed problem. Proposal must also explain that why this particular PhD candidate is the right person to do the proposed research. Proposal must elucidate the **originality of the problem** and must illustrate what critical thinking and skills used **to prove or disprove the problem**.

Proposal must explain **how the problem going to be solved** and how it going to **bridge the gap** in the existing knowledge. A well articulated proposal explains the **right methodology** used to conduct the study and gives **logical reasons** why this particular methodology is chosen. Inadequately designed research proposal leads to a scantily finished PhD research. As evident from the above discussion, a proposal must answer these questions: **What** I am going to do? **Who** has done similar research? **What** he/she found? **How** I am going to do this study? **Why** this study is so unique? Last but not least, carefully selected **academic papers** that converse the same problem **must be referenced** at the end.

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