

Secrets to Success in Proposal Defence and VIVA Examination

Are you worried about proposal defence and VIVA examination?

What should I prepare for proposal defence and VIVA examination?

Do you know the secret how to be successful in proposal defence and VIVA examination?

Introduction

Student's performance in a proposal defence or VIVA oral examination can be the deciding factor of how the Master and PhD thesis/dissertation is judged. This workshop offers step by step guidance, suggestions, advice, tips and general helps on how a candidate goes through thesis preparation and by preparing oneself appropriately when meeting examiners. By equipping yourself with sufficient skills (techniques on academic research) and knowledge how to face and sit for research proposal defence and VIVA examination, you will equip yourself better both emotionally and physically to be successful during the oral examination.

Program Objectives

This program aims to

- Prepare participants with sufficient knowledge and strategies beforehand while preparing for academic research proposal defence and VIVA examination.
- Equip participants with sufficient skills and techniques during research proposal defence and VIVA examination.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this program, participants should be able to

- Have an understanding of a holistic view of the whole thesis process write up and superior preparation for the oral examination.
- Develop a precise and comprehensive process of the thesis components with a good basis on theories, problem statement, research framework and methodology.
- Develop and practice a strategic oral presentation in advance.
- Take a positive attitude throughout the process of the research proposal defence and VIVA examination.
- Prepare themselves sufficiently for an excellent research proposal defence and VIVA examination.

Who should attend?

Postgraduate students who are preparing their research proposal write up, preparing for research proposal defence and final VIVA examination or even students who have just enrolled in postgraduate studies but have not started their research proposal.

Methodology

Case studies, forum discussion, role-play, presentations, gamification

Program Outline

Time	Day One
9.00am– 10.30am	The Heart of the Thesis This topic will expose the participants with the fundamentals in a graduate thesis. The participant would have a better view of the link between the chapters - Introduction, Literature Review and Methodology. In addition, participants would be able to relate how to answer questions during the proposal defence stage and the VIVA examination.
10.30am-11.00am	Break and Networking
11.00am-1.00pm	Strengthen Your Research Framework Theoretical Framework In this session, participants will be exposed to the concept of literature review, research and theoretical framework, theory and model to develop a good research proposal and VIVA. The contributions must be by theory, variables and issue of your research. Enhancing Citation and Plagiarism In this session, participants are exposed to the right method of how to write a citation. At the same time, this module helps to reveal the misunderstanding among postgraduate students about plagiarism.
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch Break and Networking
2.00pm-3.30pm	Do's and Don'ts During Proposal Defence and VIVA Examination The topic helps postgraduate students to prepare for the oral examination. It will discuss the do's and the don'ts for the duration of before, during and after the viva/proposal defence. This session will equip participants with the necessary preparation and create a higher

	level of confidence for participants to be successful in their viva/proposal defence.
3.30pm-4.00pm	Break and Networking
4.00pm-5.00pm	<p>Frequently Asked Questions During Proposal Defence and VIVA Examination</p> <p>In this session, participants will be familiar with the most FAQs during Proposal Defence and VIVA examination. It will help participants to prepare themselves with the thesis knowledge and emotionally (stable mind-set).</p>