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Format for preparing SOP

Title: The Title of the project should be concise (with sub-title, if any), reflecting the scope of the investigation.

Aim of the Project: The broad Aim of the project, emphasizing the overall thrust of the proposed investigation, should be clearly mentioned.

Statement of the Problem: The problem to be investigated should be clearly contextualized in the theoretical framework of the discipline.

Overview of Literature: The problem identified should be logically linked to other studies on the theme in the literature, delineating the need for the present investigation.

Conceptual Framework: The concepts to be used, their relevance and applicability to the study, and their operationalization should be indicated.

Research Questions or Hypotheses: The research questions to be answered/ addressed need to be unequivocally stated.

Research Methodology:

(a) Data Collection: The proposal should indicate techniques/experiments for the collection of proposed data.

(b) Data Analysis: It should indicate the statistical techniques, if any, proposed to be used in data processing, specific packages for data analysis, content analysis, indices/scaling techniques proposed to be used etc.

Implications: The proposal should state whether this research would bring forth any implications for extension of the knowledge database, any methodological innovations.

References: The proposal should include a 'List of References' mentioned in the text, along with other important recent additions to the literature on the theme. The references should indicate the author, title, publisher, and year of publication.