

GUIDELINE FOR DISSERTATION SUBMISSION FOR CLINICAL SPECIALIST TRAINING, KULLIYAH OF MEDICINE, INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA (IIUM)

- *IIUM Postgraduate Regulation 2022 states that “For Clinical Master (MQF Level 7) under Clinical Specialist Training, research paper can be submitted either in traditional format or as an extended manuscript format.”*
- The traditional format is based on IIUM Thesis Manual guideline available in Centre of Postgraduate Studies (CPS) website
- The guideline for the extended manuscript format is detailed below.
- All other requirements of submission follow the Guidelines for Thesis Format available in CPS website.

Guideline for Extended Manuscript Format

The body of the research paper should be of 7,000 to 10,000 words, with maximum of 80 pages. This is based on the guide of research paper as stated by the Centre of Postgraduate Studies, IIUM.

1. The Preliminaries

- a. Title page
- b. Acknowledgements
- c. Table of Contents
- d. List of Tables and Figures
- e. List of Abbreviations
- f. Abstract

2. The Research Proposal

- a. Introduction & Problem Statement
- b. Objectives/Hypothesis/Conceptual Framework
- c. Literature Review
- d. Methodology & Statistical Analysis Plan
- e. Gantt Chart

3. The Text: **Manuscript**

- a. A copy of 'Instruction to Authors' of selected journal. The format must follow guideline/instruction to authors of the selected journal.
- b. Must contain as follow
 - i. Introduction: concise introduction with current medical evidence. Identification of research gaps leading to research question and research objectives.
 - ii. Methodology: acceptable methodology to meet the objectives to and ethically approved
 - iii. Results: appropriate data presentation with proper usage of statistical methods
 - iv. Discussion: reasonable discussion of finding comparing to current available evidence
 - v. Conclusion: reasonable conclusion based on the study
 - vi. References: latest and appropriate references in the topic

4. The **Reference Materials**: additional information regarding the study

- a. Elaboration of the methodology or laboratory component (if any)
- b. Additional tables/graph (if any)
- c. Evidence of submitted or published abstract/manuscript
- d. Raw data in csv format
- e. Appendices: Data Collection Sheet, Kulliyah Research Committee approval & Ethics approval

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