

Research Note Guidelines

Research notes are a significant part of the **MRC research program**. Through comprehensively compiled research notes, research fellows are expected to identify and streamline their research goals and objectives. The primary purpose of a research note is to pique interest about a new idea, perspective or methodological approach of the researcher. Research notes are also essential for documenting and validating research progress. The research note must present background literature for their respective research topic, describe their methodologies, and explain the scope and limitations of their work. It should also specify how the research will contribute to the larger discourse on the subject of your study. Fellows must keep the notes cohesive and concise. It must also include the various research directions that their work may hold. It is preferable to refrain from drawing firm conclusions in the research note and instead provide only a glimpse of the overall research showcasing your ability to provide compelling arguments and evidence supporting the thesis. Fellows must ensure that they adhere to the format outlined in this document, but customizations to the structure are permitted if they improve the presentation of your research. Please adhere to a word limit of 3000 words, excluding the abstract and references. Research notes may also include appendix or supplementary enclosures.

Research Note Format

Title

Give a detailed description of your report.
Include all authors' full names, email addresses,
and institutions.
Specify the appropriate author.

Word limit: 20 words

Abstract

Structure into two sections: Objective and
Results description.
State the purpose of the research and the general
significance
Give a brief summary of the main findings.
No citations here

Word limit: 200 words

Keywords

Include **3-10 keywords** representing the
main content of the article.

Introduction

Provide the objective for the work
Introduce the topic in a few sentences
and cite articles for further information
Provide a brief literature review.
Mention your preceding research notes on this
topic

Main Sections

Provide a critical discussion of the
findings within the context of the research field.
May use up to 5 sub headings
Use in-text citation
Minimum use of footnote to avoid break in flow

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Limitations

Clearly state any limitations of your work
Transparency about shortcomings will not negatively impact the quality of the work

Way forward

Please provide the implications of your research
Include the pathways of exploration following your work
Discuss your next steps briefly

Conclusion

Conclude the note with a reiteration of your research goals
Clearly specify the progress made in your work and how it aids your overall research

References

Use APA Style
Limit the references to a maximum of 30

Optional Section

Table and Figure Legends

Research Note Template

Research Note

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Abstract [200 words]

Keywords [3-10]: keyword1; keyword2...

1. Introduction
2. Main sections [Include tables and figures]
3. Limitations
4. Way forward
5. Conclusion

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words*

References [APA Style]

[*Optional sections – Table and Figure legends*]

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