

## PhD Admissions, July 2024

Dept. of H&SS, IIT Bombay

### LINGUISTICS

Dear Applicant,

In the following, we provide guidelines for writing the Research Proposal in the discipline of **Linguistics**. Please follow the requirements carefully:

1. Please send the proposal as a PDF attachment. If you are unable to type the document, you may handwrite it and send us the images as a collated PDF. (Please ensure that the images are clear and that you write with black ink on plain, unruled paper.)
2. The proposal may not exceed 1000-1200 words (excluding *References*; about 2 typed pages (single spaced) or 4 typed pages (double spaced)).
3. At the top of your document, please first include the following:
  - (i) Name as on the application form,
  - (ii) the application PW number,
  - (iv) the *plagiarism undertaking*.
4. You are expected to write your proposal to address the questions listed below. (You are not required to respond equally to all the questions but you are encouraged to address each question separately and to follow the order as far as possible. The reviewers will assess your responses with reference to these questions.)
  - a) What is the research topic that you propose for your doctoral work?
  - b) Identify the main issues or research questions, as well as the field(s) of study that interest you.
  - c) Use examples to illustrate your research questions and the linguistic principles that you will discuss.
  - d) If you are interested in particular languages, in fieldwork, in specific theoretical areas or problems state which and why.
  - e) Discuss salient aspects of your MA coursework that (may) have a bearing on what you wish to investigate.
  - f) Anything else that you think is relevant to your proposal.

IMP: Do not include biographical details here. This is not statement of purpose.

*(Please provide a reference list of any work you cite in any standard reference style such as MLA, Chicago, Harvard, APA etc.)*