**MRP Proposal Template/Sample**

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**MAJOR RESEARCH PAPER PROPOSAL**

**Your name**

**Master in Disaster & Emergency Management**

**York University**

**Date**

**Supervisor’s name**

**Title**

**General Subject**

Example: Disaster and emergency management and planning in the First Nations communities of Ontario

**Research topic/question**

Example: Are current emergency plans and procedures for the First Nation communities culturally appropriate?

**Theoretical framework**

Example: This research will use theoretical disaster models to identify the progression of people’s vulnerability, their root causes, and the progress made thus far in establishing emergency management for the First Nations in Ontario.

**Justification**

Example: Canadian history and interaction with First Nations are known to have created vulnerable living environments and difficult relationships over decades. Policy decisions have had a long history of disappointments and mistrust in the authority among the First Nations. There is also a concern of differential processes and policy for the First Nations in comparison with all the residents of Ontario.

**Method**

Example: Literature review, historical information, and current Provincial and Federal documents and policy will be examined to understand the issue at a deeper level. Interviews (about 10) with First Nations community members will be conducted. A qualitative analysis will be carried out to extract themes and apply theoretical disaster models.

**Sources**

Example: Historical records; Government documents from the EMO and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; Scholarly articles in journals and magazines.

**Bibliography**

Mileti, D.S. (1999). *Disasters by design : A reassessment of natural hazards in the united states*. Washington DC, Joseph Henry Press, 281p. Wisner, B., Blaikie, P., Cannon, T., Davis, I. (2004). At Risk: Natural hazards, people’s vulnerability and disasters*,* Routledge, 471p.

**Work Plan – Example:**

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| **Description** | **Date (mm/yy)** |
| Literature review/survey |  |
| Interview questionnaire submission for ethics approval |  |
| Selection of participants and conducting interviews |  |
| Transcribing of interviews and analyzing the data |  |
| Final paper |  |

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