

Proposal Defense (For MSc & PhD Candidates)

The proposal defense session for FAST postgraduate students serves as the preliminary oral examination (Evaluation 1). The main motivation of the proposal defense session is to **assure that the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology's postgraduate students' proposal and research plan are significant and holds befitting academic merit.**

Procedure and Process

1. The proposal defense is **compulsory for all FAST MSc and PhD candidates**
2. The proposal defense must be carried out

Full Time	Semester 1 or Semester 2 (1 st year of study)
Part time	Semester 4 or Semester 5 (2 nd year of study)

3. The **research advisor** needs to provide the committee with the details listed below

Student's Name
Student's ID Number
Research Title
Research Advisor's Name
Proposed Examiner (i)
Proposed Examiner (ii)

*the **proposed examiners** (2 in total) are *preferably* an Associate Professor Dr or Professor Dr if the candidate is embarking on a PhD program.

4. The **examiners** will give their **recommendation** and **suggestion** towards **the betterment of the research plan, methodology and the overall direction of the study.**
5. The **proposal can be rejected by the examiners** and **student(s)** will have to **redo the proposal defense** if the proposal has **fatal flaws in the proposed research design and data analysis** and/or the **proposed research activities are insignificant.**
6. The **students** need to submit the **proposal** to the faculty **3 weeks before** the actual date of the proposal defense.

7. The proposal should consist of
 - a) Background of Study / Overview of Study
 - b) Problem of Statement
 - c) Research Objectives/ Research Questions
 - d) Scope of Study
 - e) Literature Review
 - f) Methodology and Research Design
 - g) Expected Outcomes and Preliminary Results
 - h) References
 - i) Gantt Charts

**It is compulsory for the candidate to provide the similarity index report (Turnitin) and the result should be less than 30 %*

8. The candidates are given **15 minutes to present the proposal followed by 15 minutes Q&A session.**