Write a research prospectus of no more than 2000 words that includes the following information:

1. **Tentative Title of the Research Study:** Create a draft title for your dissertation. This does not necessarily have to be your final title in the future.

2. **Executive Summary (Goals/Specific Aims):** Describe the goals and/or specific aims of your proposed project. What is the problem that your project will address?

3. **Rationale and Significance:** Why is this research important and who will be affected by the new knowledge that will be produced once this research is completed? Through a literature review describe what is currently known about your research topic. Identify the gap in knowledge that your research is intended to fill.

4. **Research Questions and Hypotheses (if applicable):** What specific research questions do you hope to answer?

5. **Research Approach:** Summarize the design of the project and describe the methods, procedures and/or protocols planned to achieve the goals. Describe any equipment or facilities that will be used. Provide a timeline of the project work.

6. **Interdisciplinary nature of the proposed research:** How is this research interdisciplinary? What disciplines do you expect to contribute to the research?

7. **Funding:** How do you expect to support the cost of the proposed research?

8. **Literature Cited:** Include previous work cited in item #3 or elsewhere in essay. Citations should not be exhaustive but should indicate some familiarity with the subject. (Note that this section need not be included in your word count.)

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

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