Instructions for the MSPH Thesis/Project Research Proposal:

1. Before beginning the MSPH thesis/project, your committee MUST approve this research proposal.

2. Students are encouraged to use the format as outlined on the following page or as instructed by the student’s supervisory committee. Replace the instructional text (the text bracketed by <<>>) with the contents of your proposal.

3. The proposal must not exceed three – five pages. References and appendices are not required.

4. The font must be 11 point Times New Roman. Do not change the margins.

5. All sections of the proposal must be completed; incomplete proposals will not be considered for approval.

6. A request for committee form must be completed and signed by all committee members before the proposal will be considered.

7. If the faculty requests changes to the proposal, the proposal must be resubmitted and approved.
MSPH Project Research Proposal
<<title>>

Principal Investigator: <<student>>

Supervisory Committee: <<committee chair>> (chair), <<member 1>>, <<member 2>>

Advisors and Consultants: <<Advisors and consultants to the paper not on the supervisory committee but contribute to the research project. This is optional.>>

IRB Approval:
Yes ☐ Date: << >>
N/A ☐

Background: <<Background and literature search for the research project.>>

Study Question: <<A one sentence question that your research study will answer.>>

Study Population: <<Briefly and concisely describe the study population. >>

Study Methods: <<Describe briefly and concisely the methodology for the research project. This should include (if relevant) study design, descriptions of the outcome and exposure variables, subject recruitment, description of the database, subject inclusion and exclusion, etc.>>

Statistical Methods: <<Describe the proposed statistical methods for the analysis.>>

Potential Public Health Implications: <<Describe why this study is important to public health and how the public will benefit from your research>>