**NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AWKA.**

**SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

**BRIEF ON RUBRIC FOR PROPOSALS**

**1. Preliminary Pages**

i. The title is researchable and properly framed/concise

ii. Table of contents and others.

**2. Introduction**

i. Issues, facts underlying the topic are well articulated in the Background/Statement of Problem

ii. Aim/Aim and Objectives/Purpose properly stated and in line with the title.

1. The study is justified/significance well-articulated.
2. Each research question addresses a definite issue where applicable
3. Hypothesis clearly stated and testable where applicable.

**3. Literature Review**

i. Review of relevant literature on variables/concepts in the title.

ii. Articles and other materials used and cited are current.

1. Theories when used are properly linked to the study
2. Proper evaluation of literature and identification of research gap.

**4. Method**

i. Data collection method is adequately explained and justified

ii. Scope of data collected (in relation to the research topic) is limited/narrow,

too wide, appropriate

1. Structure of presentation of data: well organised, skewed, not well organised
2. Method of data analysis is explicit and well explained
3. Good/poor/fair in terms of the conclusions drawn from the data analysis

**5. Citation and References/End Notes and Bibliography**

1. Citations/in-text citation done according to the given reference format.
2. Rules of referencing format used are strictly followed
3. Appendices, figures and tables are appropriately presented

**6. Quality of Writing**

i. Strictly followed the prescribed format for writing thesis/dissertation.

ii. Logical and coherent in presentation of ideas

1. Analytical, rigorous and consistent in development of thought
2. Grammatical and spelling errors are minimal.

**7. Quality of Presentation**

i. Well organized.

ii. Clear presentation.

iii. Good communication skill

1. Use of PowerPoint

**8. Quality of Defence/Response to Questions**

i. Answer questions correctly.

ii. Arguments are convincing.

1. Responses depict adequate knowledge in the area of specialization.

Research work with structural problem include:

* work with invalid instrument and
* work without definite method of data collection and analysis and

or

* work without clearly defined methods of data collection and data presentation, and
* literature review without scope, relevance, method of review and gap(s) identified in the literature