The document will assist you in designing your educational scholarship. A SOTL Proposal is a complete description of the intended scholarship, usually developed in collaboration with one's department chair. Thoughtfully designed, the proposal will demonstrate convincingly that the study will contribute to generalizable knowledge.

Consider the proposal as the draft to a manuscript, an abstract, presentation.

The full proposal consists of the following:

- Title
- Brief Introduction
- Background and statement of the problem (this in the light of a thorough literature review)
- Scholarly question / hypothesis / aim and objectives
- Study design
- Study population and sampling
- Data collection methods and instruments
- Data analysis methods – if applicable, statistical planning must be fully addressed.
- Mechanisms to assure the quality of the study – e.g. control of bias, safe storage of data
- Timetable for completion of the project
- Participants in the study – all people involved in the study, and the role they play, should be identified.
- Ethical considerations
- Resources required for the study, including budget if applicable
- References
- Appendices (copy of questionnaire, consent forms, etc.)

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