

Guidelines for a Paper Proposal for CTS

A *paper proposal* ideally should comprise five elements: an introduction, ‘adducements’, approach, annotated bibliography, and expanded outline—each of which is elucidated below.

I. Introduction. This will include an *informative title and expansion*, which describes the study; and *the involvement history*, which comprises what drew you to the topic and the steps you took to narrow or expand the topic.

II. ‘Adducements’. This is a neologism conveying the idea that proofs or evidences are being adduced for the value of the study. The first of these adducements is a discussion of the *importance of the study*, the second is a *justification for the study*, which may include but is not limited to a lack of consensus in scholarship, peculiarities in the data, unanswered questions, exegetical issues, and theological implications.

III. Approach. This begins with a discussion of the *deficiencies of previous approaches*, which comes from the literature review. It continues with a *description of the new approach*, which must delineate the theoretical model to be used in the study and the methodology which will be employed. And concludes by speculating on the *prospects of the research*.

IV. Annotated Bibliography. This consists of a list of as many sources as possible. Each entry should contain four parts: *documentation* according to CMOS 17th edition (this will change as Chicago issues new editions), *summary* of the content, *contributions* to the topic, and *deficiencies* of the work with respect to the topic.

V. Expanded Outline. This is an outline of how the results will be presented.