



## Initial Proposal Form

Any research proposal related to the KEYNET mission of promoting early childhood development and strong parent-child relationships may be submitted for consideration. The initial KEYNET submission form (see below) focuses on your research idea, including aims and specific objectives. Initial proposals should be no more than 1-2 pages long.

After review of the initial proposal, you will be contacted by a member of the KEYNET Steering Committee to discuss your project's relevance, feasibility, and potential collaborations. If you decide to proceed, you will be assigned a KEYNET mentor and asked to submit a 4-5 page proposal. This proposal will be reviewed, and you will present to the KEYNET Steering Committee to get further feedback on your research project. Additional revisions may be requested. Your KEYNET mentor will help you throughout your research project with regular check-ins, and with plans for how to present and publish your research.

Projects will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Relevance to KEYNET research priorities and mission
- Feasibility of study
- Collaboration with other institutions
- Potential for contribution to the field

To submit your initial study proposal, please follow the instructions below. You do not need to obtain IRB approval before submitting the initial proposal. If you have any questions, please contact [research@keynetcollaborative.org](mailto:research@keynetcollaborative.org). Thank you for submitting to KEYNET and we look forward to working with you.

### Initial Proposal:

- 1. Background.** Introduce the topic/area you will be researching. Include a brief discussion of what is already known about this subject and how it is relevant to your research topic. Include any knowledge gaps that this study may fill. (3-8 sentences)
- 2. Research aims and hypotheses.** State the general aim or purpose of your research project. (1 sentence). You should include 2-4 specific, measurable hypotheses that describe how you will achieve your research aim. (2-4 sentences)
- 3. Study Design.** Include what data you would consider collecting to achieve your research aims and how you would plan to analyze it. (1-3 sentences)
- 4. Study Ramifications.** Discuss your expected study outcomes and/or the larger impact of your study (1-2 sentences)