

# Research Proposal

**Name:**

**Study Community (select one):**

- ☐ BaYaka and Bandongo (Congo)
- ☐ Hamar (Ethiopia)
- ☐ Q'eqchi' and Mopan Maya (Belize)

**If you selected Congo, please declare your French fluency:**

- ☐ Basic
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Fluent
- ☐ Native

**Project Title:**

**Background (500 words):**

*Clearly identify a specific aspect of peer cultures you intend to study (e.g., language, ritual, ecological knowledge). Explain why this aspect is important and how your study will address a gap in our understanding of it.*

**Research Questions (300 words):**

*Your questions should directly relate to the project's two core hypotheses: that peer cultures exhibit distinct cultural evolutionary mechanisms from adult cultures, and that knowledge produced in peer cultures supports community adaptation to social and ecological change. Aim for 2–4 focused, researchable questions. At least one research question should involve comparison with the other field sites and the UK.*

**Field Site Description (300 words):**

*Using the published literature, describe the field site you have selected, including its social, cultural, and ecological features. Explain why you have selected this site and how the context may be appropriate for your research questions.*

**Methods (500 words):**

*Describe and justify the qualitative (ethnography, participant observation) and quantitative (structured observations, experiments, interviews) methods you will use to answer your research questions. Make clear how your approach allows for comparison across field sites.*

**Experience (200 words):**

*Summarize your previous research or practical experience, and explain how these have prepared you to undertake the research you've proposed.*

**Outputs (200 words):**

*Outline the academic and non-academic outputs you plan to produce.*

**Timeline:**

*This timeline should cover the full three years of study, outline key milestones, and include 9 months of fieldwork.*

**References:**

*Give full bibliographic details for all in-text citations.*