Brief outline to write the proposal:

The Protocol

- Title
- Introduction and Problem Background
- Problem Statement
- Research Questions, Hypotheses, Aim and Objectives
  1. Main and Subsidiary Research Questions
  2. Main and Subsidiary Hypotheses (if necessary)
  3. Main and Subsidiary Objectives
  4. Aim
- Literature Review
  1. Previous Research Pertinent to your Study
  2. Conceptual Framework
  3. A Theoretical Framework (compulsory for the Doctorate Students)
- Methodology
  1. Research Philosophy/Paradigm
  2. Research Approach and Design
  3. Population & Sampling (where needed)
  4. Data Collection
  5. Data Analysis
- Ethical Considerations/ Identify Ethical Challenges
- Reference List
- Expected Outcomes
  1. Scientific outcomes
  2. Social impact
  3. Innovations/Patents
- Study Time Frame