

Please state what is the likely impact of your study on the development of Malta.

I am submitting this research proposal with the aim of increasing the level of research in the ever expanding economic sectors in Malta. This study will aim at addressing skills mismatches (Article 6.2.2 of Regulations) particularly in relation to health care, hospital management and administration and tourism.

Impact of this study on the development of health care in Malta

Mistakes in policy making today can cost the country and its economy a high price while not necessarily alleviating social problems. One cannot expect to find fail-safe policies in 19th century health care and map it onto today's more complex health care system, however, more information about the old systems previously employed in the islands may well open up new horizons and new possibilities to explore. Such information and basic knowledge of Malta's medical history has to be explained and communicated to policy makers or future medical personnel at a tertiary level of education. A simple programme can be devised between the Department of History and the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in the University of Malta to deliver a basic module aimed at the understanding of health care systems, hospital management and administration of district medical services.

Impact of this study on the development and expansion of tourism sector in Malta

Through this study I wish to achieve an expertise in medical history which will then be actively used in the establishment of a building which shelters and publicly displays the already existent medical artefacts and collections of Malta. Currently, in Malta, there are small permanent exhibitions displaying medical history artefacts which were painstakingly collected and put on display by experts in the field such as the late Dr. Paul Cassar and Prof. Charles Savona Ventura. One such outstanding permanent exhibition is held in Mount Carmel Mental Hospital in Attard and other items are well kept by the Library and Museum Subcommittee at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in the University of Malta. Malta still lacks a dedicated Museum of Medicine in which most of these permanent exhibitions and artefacts can be grouped together and exhibited in such a way as to be entertaining, educational and at the same time be a true showcase of the political and economic struggles of the Maltese people.