

Initial Research Outline

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This template is to be completed by those applying for admission to a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program or a HDR Scholarship. Existing candidates who have had their research proposal approved as part of completing their **probationary requirements** should complete the Research Proposal Approval form available [here](#).

Please prepare an outline of your proposed research project and where possible have it reviewed by your nominated supervisor before uploading it in the documents section of your online application.

It is understood that should your application be accepted there may be some variations to this proposal as your project progresses.

1. Candidate Details

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| Title | <input type="text"/> | First Name | <input type="text"/> | Last Name | <input type="text"/> |
| Faculty | <select> <input type="text"/> | | | | |

A 1000-1,500 word limit (3 pages) applies, excluding summary/abstract and Bibliography/ References.

2. Research/project title

Provide a short descriptive title of no more than 20 words.

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3. Research/project summary or abstract

In 200-300 words, comprehensible to a reader who is not a specialist in this field, summarise the aims, significance and expected outcomes of your proposed research.

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4. Research/project details

Provide a brief statement, following the headings or similar to those provided below. You are urged to avoid use of jargon and to express your arguments clearly and concisely.

Introductory Background

Research questions

This section should explain the research question and may include the hypothesis/proposition or problem to be addressed

Aims/objectives of the research

This section should explain how the problem is to be addressed;

Briefly outline your proposed Methodology;

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Significance/contribution to the discipline

This section will normally justify the research and offer a brief review of the literature on the topic

Theoretical Framework

This section may include a discussion of the sources to be consulted.

5. References cited/Bibliography of planned reading

Please provide one or both of the following in an appropriate and consistent referencing style:

- A list of the scholarly references cited in the proposal;
- A bibliography of planned reading.