Research Proposal Guidelines

The following template should be used for proposals accompanying Higher Degree Research (HDR) applications to the Faculty of Education. Applicants are strongly advised to contact academics in the faculty prior to completing their applications. Please note that this proposal is indicative only and is not intended to tie applicants to a particular project. It will assist to determine the suitability of the research in terms of existing faculty expertise as well as in deliberations of scholarship opportunities. Maximum length is strictly 2 pages. Please use 12 pt font.

Title

Include an adequate and appropriate title for the proposed research project (it may be adjusted and changed later).

Student's name, number, degree

Introduction *(max 50 words)*

Provide an overview of the proposed project. This should briefly state what the proposal is about; for example, the broad aims.

Problem Statement and Background to the research (*max 250 wds*)

Identify the problem or issue to be addressed by the project. Provide a brief overview of the relevant literature to demonstrate adequate background knowledge of the proposed field and to motivate the proposed research. *What work has been done in this area according to the literature? What research gaps or problems have been identified?*

Significance *(max 100 wds)*

Argue for the significance of the research in terms of both practice and theory. *Why is this study significant or worthwhile?*

Proposed Methodology and Research Design *(max 250 wds)*

Describe the type of study proposed and how it will be done. The proposal may consider the following: the research approach, research design and data collection. Where appropriate, outline the theoretical approach that this study will follow. There should be clear links between this section and the problem statement and background to the research.

Proposed Timeframe

Provide a brief plan of action including deadlines for completing major phases of the proposed project.

References

Include a full list of all references cited in the proposal using a recognised reference system.