**EdD RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORM**

**Please submit this proposal as a Microsoft Word document**.

# **PART A**

## Section 1: Your full names

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## Section 2: Your e-mail address

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## Section 3: Academic background

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| **No.** | **Degrees obtained**  (e.g. ‘BA in Primary Education’) | **Years of study**  (e.g. ‘2003-2006’) | **University, Country**  (e.g. ‘University of Reading, UK’) | **Outcome**  (e.g. ‘First-Class Honours’ or ‘GPA 3.5 out of 4’) |
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## Section 4: How did you hear about our EdD programme?

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# **PART B**

## **Personal Statement**

As professional development and growth are key aims of the programme, in the personal statement we want to know why you have decided to undertake an EdD, and how undertaking the programme will fit with your career plans. Please give as much detail as you can here, so that we can make a judgement on your suitability for the programme.

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| 1. Why would you like to undertake a professional doctorate? (Max. 250 words)  2. How will the programme fit with your future career plans? (Max. 250 words) |

# **PART C**

## **Research Proposal**

Your research proposal is often the first opportunity for you to communicate your ideas and allow us to make a judgement on your academic writing, therefore it is important that you demonstrate your ability to convey your thoughts clearly and concisely. Although we are not expecting your proposal to be final - your ideas and thinking will develop significantly during the course - your overall aim is to produce a submission that is clear and coherent so that we can see the *potential* in your application.

## Section 1: Your proposed research title

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## Section 2: The proposal (Max. 1,000 words)

**Section 2 must not exceed 1,000 words in length**. Any proposal that exceeds the word limit will not be reviewed and will be sent back to the applicant.

### Aims and rationale for your proposed research (approx. 150 words)

* *Concisely state what your proposed research aims to investigate; why your research is important to your research field and why it is timely to pursue the research now.*

### Literature review (approx. 250 words)

* *Give a brief review of relevant literature and theories relating to your proposed research area that shows you understand the major lines of argument that have been developed and the ideas and findings of key researchers working on your topic. You need to show how your proposed study fits into the current literature, and how it is designed to fill gaps in our knowledge and/or improve on previous work.*
* *The APA in-text citation guideline should be closely followed.*

### Proposed research questions (approx. 100 words)

* *State around three key research questions (that are complementary to one another), and provide rationale for them. These questions will likely evolve throughout Part A of the programme.*

### Proposed research design (approx. 350 words)

* *Research approach (Indicate if your proposed research is quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods research)*
* *Sample size and sampling strategies*
* *Data collection methods (If appropriate, think about describing your data collection methods in relation to each of your research questions.)*
* *Data analysis (If appropriate, think about describing your data collection methods in relation to each of your research questions.)*
* *Remember to justify all aspects of your research design*

### Significance of your proposed study (approx. 150 words)

### *Here, you need to say something about what the expected outcomes of your project might be and why these are important. How, for example, will it contribute to knowledge and how might it contribute to policy or practice?*

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## Section 3: Word count

*Indicate the word count of Section 2 in the box below.*

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## Section 4: References

* *Please reference all the readings that you cited in the space below. (The content of this section is not counted towards Section 2’s 1,000-word limit.)*
* *The APA referencing guideline should be closely followed. (More guideline here: https://libguides.reading.ac.uk/ld.php?content\_id=33085237)*
* *Research articles should be from the past 5-10 years, unless they are seminal texts.*

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