**PhD 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 PhD programme?

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# **PART B**

## Section 1: Your proposed research title

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## Section 2: 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.

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| 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.*  The literature review (approx. 250 words)  * *Concisely demonstrate how your proposed research topic(s) fits in with the existing research literature (both seminal works and recent empirical studies). Remember to define key concept(s) in your research.* * *If applicable, state which theoretical framework(s) will inform your research and provide rationale for it* * *The APA in-text citation guideline should be closely followed.*  Research questions (approx. 100 words)  * *State your 2-3 key research questions below and provide rationale for them*  Research design (approx. 350 words)  * *Research approach (Indicate below 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 and potential impact of your research (approx. 150 words)*Concisely state the potential impact of your research on your intended stakeholders e.g. practitioners, policy makers, etc.* |

## 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.*
* *Research articles should be from the past ten years, unless they are seminal texts.*

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## Section 5: Potential supervisors (Max. 200 words)

* *Identify 1-2 potential supervisors from our on-line list (*[*https://research.reading.ac.uk/education/about-us/ioe-doctoral-supervisors/*](https://research.reading.ac.uk/education/about-us/ioe-doctoral-supervisors/)*) and concisely explain how your proposed research aligns with theirs.*
* *If you have already been in touch with them, please also let us know in the box below.*
* *Our decision on whether to make you an admissions offer will be based partly on a good fit between your and your potential supervisors’ research interests.*

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| Name of Potential Supervisor 1: \_\_\_\_\_  Brief rationale for why this member of staff would be an appropriate supervisor for you (Max. 100 words):  Have you already been in touch with this supervisor? *Yes / No*  Name of Potential Supervisor 2: \_\_\_\_\_  Brief rationale for why this member of staff would be an appropriate supervisor for you (Max. 100 words):  Have you already been in touch with this supervisor? *Yes / No* |