



Faculty of Business and Law

PhD/DBA/Doctorate Research Proposal Form

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1. Working Title – 15 words

This should be tightly focused on a current academic debate or problem and scoped within a particular context (e.g. industry or occupation in the case of Business and Management)

2. Introduction and research significance - 250 words

Why the topic is important? What do we already know? What we don't know?

3. Concise Critical Reflection on the Existing Literature – 500 words

4. Review of Relevant Theoretical Framework - 200 words

5. Research Questions or Hypotheses Based on the Literature Review & Theoretical Framework - 200 words

6. Research objectives – 100 words - Indicative three objectives

7a. Research Methods – 500 words

Data collection methods, sampling, access issues

7b. Research Methodology - 200 words

How the data will be analysed

8. Ethical Considerations - 150 words

9. Potential Contribution to Knowledge (and Practice, for Professional Doctorates) - 500 words

10. Research Plan/Timetable - 100 words

11. How will your proposed research align with the research interests of academic staff in The Faculty of Business and Law in your area? [Business academic staff](#) [Law academic staff](#) – 250 words

12. References/Bibliography - 300 words