Appendix: HDR Research Proposal Template

This School of Psychology and Counselling HDR Research Proposal Template is designed to support prospective HDR students to work closely with their prospective supervisory team (principal and associate, as well as any external supervisors) in preparing the Expression-of-Interest (Stage 1) application for HDR studies specifically in the School of Psychology and Counselling/Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety-Queensland.

This template provides an indication of the issues pertinent to the Faculty’s adjudication of the potential contribution of the proposed research (i.e., a novel contribution to knowledge, and/or impact that addresses an important existing gap), scoping (to a three-year full-time equivalent timeline), and feasibility to complete the research.

The template fields are designed to support a range of HDR research projects – basic through to applied. It is recognised that responses in certain fields may be more or less developed depending on the applicant’s particular research context.

Further information may be sought from applicants and their supervisory teams by means of an interview panel.

**Please attach correspondence from Principal and Associate Supervisors (and any external supervisors, where relevant) indicating their capacity and interest in supervising this PhD research program.**

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| **Applicant name** |  |
| **Degree (PhD or MPhil)** |  |
| **Full-time or part-time enrolment** |  |
| **Proposed Principal Supervisor** |  |
| **Proposed Associate Supervisor** |  |
| **Other supervisors (e.g., Industry Partner; if relevant)** | **`** |
| **Date supervisor interviewed the applicant** |  |

1. **RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE**

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1. **RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

**2.1 Statement of the research topic (summary)**

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| Provide a brief statement of the focus of the research to be conducted and the research problem it will address.  *(maximum 100 words)* |
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**2.2 Objectives of the research**

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| Part A: State the overarching aim of your project.  *(maximum 50 words)* |
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| Part B: State the specific objectives that will enable you to achieve your project’s overarching aim.  (Further information on formulating objectives is available at <http://betterthesis.dk/getting-started/short-synopsis>)  *(maximum 150 words)* |
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**2.3 Justification for the research topic/problem**

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| Provide a brief overview of the key research on the topic that has informed the proposed project.  Explain the potential for this project to make an original research contribution (how will this project provide novel knowledge and/or impact that addresses an important existing gap?).  Where relevant, please indicate any work already done to consult with relevant stakeholders in the research.  *(maximum 500 words)* |
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* 1. **Proposed research methods and plan**

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| Describe the research methods you will employ to achieve each of the objectives listed above.  *(Parts A + B + C: maximum 600 words)* |
| Part A: Describe the participant sample(s) you will be using in your project. Who are they? How are they being recruited (are relevant recruitment pathways already established)? |
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| Part B: Outline your approach to data collection and analysis, and explain any resources needed for this (e.g., specialist software, laboratory equipment, etc.). Explain if you have experience using these methods or if you will be developing these skills (and how) during the course of your studies. |
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| Part C: Please provide an estimate of the time required for completion of each of the research objectives, being mindful that the project should be completed within 3 years for a full-time PhD student (6 years part-time) and within 18 months for a full-time MPhil student (3 years part-time). |
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**2.5 Supervisory team**

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| For each supervisory team member, please outline their relevant credentials for the proposed research (e.g., content knowledge, methodological expertise, and/or existing collaborations/partnerships that will be leveraged to support your research project).  *(maximum 200 words)* |
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**2.6 Knowledge translation/impact pathways**

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| Provide a brief overview of your plans for communicating your research to relevant stakeholders (e.g., publications, presentations, workshops, stakeholder reports, etc.).  Where applicable:  - Indicate potential journals in which you might publish research outputs from this project.  - Indicate the relevant stakeholder/audience that is being targeted by each type of output.  - Note any previous related research that you have published/have under review (cross-reference to CV for detail).  *(maximum 200 words)* |
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**2.7 Potential HDR internship**

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| Where applicable, have you identified any stakeholder organisations, government or industry partners that might offer an internship experience relevant to your field of research (see: <https://www.qut.edu.au/engage/industry-and-partnerships/work-with-students/research-student-engagement/research-student-internships>)?  *(maximum 100 words)* |
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1. **REFERENCES**

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| Please provide a list of references cited in the previous sections |
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