# Faculty of Education

# HDR RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDE

***Instructions:***

1. Writing a research proposal is a requirement for application to Higher Degree Research at QUT.
2. The Faculty of Education encourages you to use this template to develop a research proposal for the purposes of HDR application procedures. If you have any questions, contact [edn.research@qut.edu.au](mailto:edn.research@qut.edu.au)

Attention: Higher Degree Research Officer (HDRO).

1. Use this template to provide a description of your project. As this proposal may be used to identify supervisors with expertise relevant to your project, it is important to be clear and precise within the limits of your current knowledge of (1) research methods; and (2) your proposed area of study.
2. **Overall word limit:** Your research proposal should be no more than 3 pages.
3. ***Please delete this instruction box before submitting your HDR Research Proposal.***

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| **Applicant’s name** |  |
| **QUT Application ID** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Degree** |  |

1. **Research Project title:**
2. **Brief overview of project:** (Your reason for undertaking this research and the importance of the topic to you as an educator and to the field of education)
3. **Project details:**
   1. Objectives of the project: (What will be investigated, analysed or demonstrated? What is the question or problem you will study?)
   2. Project Significance: (What does the extant research literature say about your topic?)
4. **Proposed methods:**
   1. Where will you conduct the study (e.g., in a school, in a training organisation)?
   2. Who will the participants in the study be (e.g., teachers, students, parents, principals)?
   3. What type of data will you collect (e.g., interviews, policy documents, children’s drawings, questionnaire, social media materials)?
   4. How will you analyse the data (e.g., qualitatively or quantitatively or both? What qualitative or quantitative methods will you use? Be as specific as possible within the limits of your current research training)?
   5. What is the approximate timeline for your study including anticipated commencement data, and estimated data collection stage?
   6. References (Not obligatory, include references where possible. These do not have to be limited to those available through university libraries; you can use search engines such as google scholar, or other available resources.
5. **Project Supervision:**

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| **Project Supervision** |  | |
| **Have you discussed this proposal with a potential supervisor in the Faculty of Education?** |  | **Yes** |
|  | **No** |
| **If you answered yes to the above question, please provide the name of the supervisor.** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **In the event the Faculty is unable to provide supervision for the project you have described, would you be interested in changing your project?** |  | **Yes** |
|  | **No** |
| **If you have answered yes to the above question, what are some of the other topics or problems that interests you?**  You will find more detail about Faculty priorities at this link[**https://www.qut.edu.au/education/research**](https://www.qut.edu.au/education/research) | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Is your project aligned to any Faculty, Research Centre, or Research Group strategic priorities? (Complete in consultation with potential supervisor, or read Faculty website)** |  | **Yes** |
|  | **No** |