# Law Faculty

# HDR RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDE

***Instructions:***

1. Writing a research proposal is a requirement for application to Higher Degree Research at QUT.
2. This template may be used as a suggested format for your Research Proposal for Application. You do not have to use this template, however it is recommended that you structure your research proposal according to the following sections and headings.
3. It is recommended that you prepare your Research Proposal electronically using a clear and legible font size and adhere to the word / page limit indicated.
4. **Overall word limit:** 6 pages in length is recommended.

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| **Applicant’s name** |  |
| **QUT Application ID** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Degree** |  |
| **School** |  |
| **Proposed principal supervisor’s name** |  |

1. **Research Project title:**
2. **Area of Research:**
3. **Brief overview of previous relevant research:** (This should be a literature review of 2-3 pages, citing the major work in the area relevant to your research problem)
4. **Objectives of the program of research and investigation:** (What will be investigated, analysed or demonstrated)
   1. Research question and sub-questions
   2. Aims of research
5. **Research methods and plan:**
   1. Approach / methodology (types of data, method of gathering and analysis)
   2. References to Literature (methodological literature to support the approach)
   3. How the methodological approach links with the research questions / aims
6. **Research Project Timeline:**

Provide a draft plan of the stages of your research for each year of your candidature. Edit the table below as appropriate (3 years for IF49 PhD, or 1.5 years for IF80 MPhil).

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| **Timeframe** | **Research activities** |
| 0-3 months | *Project design, contextualisation, commence literature review, approvals* |
| 3-12 months | *Complete literature review, commence data collection* |
| 12-18 months | *Etc.* |
| 18-24 months |  |
| 24-30 months |  |
| 30-36 months |  |