Research Proposal Template:

Faculty of Health HDR Admission Application

This 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 application for HDR studies in the Faculty of Health.

This template provides an indication of the issues pertinent to the Faculty of Health’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, and feasibility to complete the research.

Please attach correspondence from Principal Supervisor 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 (if known)** |  |
| **Other supervisors (e.g., external, Industry Partner)** | **`** |
| **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?).  *(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: Explain what methods you will use to explore the research problem e.g. the materials/equipment/participant recruitment/data collection instruments you intend to use (surveys, interviews, purchase of specialised datasets, space/lab hire, etc.). |
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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. |
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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 Project Alignment**

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| State why you believe that QUT is the right place for you to conduct this researchincluding how your project aligns with QUT’s university-level research priorities and/or faculty-level research priorities.  For QUT university research priorities, refer to: <https://www.qut.edu.au/research/our-research>  *(maximum 200 words)* |
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**2.7 Industry collaboration and Project Funding**

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| Where applicable, have you identified any stakeholder organisations, government or industry partners that might offer an internship experience and/or scholarship or project funding relevant to your field of research?  Internships: <https://www.qut.edu.au/engage/industry-and-partnerships/work-with-students/research-student-engagement/research-student-internships>  National Industry PhD Program: <https://www.education.gov.au/university-research-commercialisation-package/national-industry-phd-program>  *(maximum 100 words)* |
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1. **KEY REFERENCES**

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| Please provide a list of up to 10 key references cited in the previous sections |
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