**Overall word limit:** Your research proposal must be approximately 2 pages (800 words), from section 3.1 to section 8, and excluding section 9 (your list of references).

# School of Communication/DMRC

# HDR RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

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| **Applicant’s name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **QUT Student ID (if applicable)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Degree** | Choose an item. |

1. **Research Project Title**

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| This is the working / draft title for the project. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

1. **Supervisory Team**

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| You must provide details of both a QUT Principal and an Associate Supervisor.  |
|  | **Supervisor Title and Name** | **Faculty** | **School** |
| **Proposed Principal Supervisor’s name**  | Click or tap here to enter text. | Choose an item. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Have you made contact with the Proposed Principal Supervisor?** |[ ]  Yes | **Has this supervisor indicated they are willing and able to supervise your project?**  |[ ]  Yes |
|  |[ ]  No |  |[ ]  No |
| **Proposed Associate Supervisor’s name** | Click or tap here to enter text. | Choose an item. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Have you made contact with the Proposed Associate Supervisor?** |[ ]  Yes | **Has this supervisor indicated they are willing and able to supervise your project?** |[ ]  Yes |
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| Identify if you have an external or industry based supervisor |
|  | **Title and Name** | **Organisation Name** |
| **External Supervisor (if applicable)** | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **Have you made contact with the Proposed External Supervisor?** |[ ]  Yes | **Has this supervisor indicated they are willing and able to supervise your project?**  |[ ]  Yes |
|  |[ ]  No |  |[ ]  No |

1. **Area of Research and research alignment**

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| The project will be hosted by the Digital Media Research Centre in the School of Communication, Creative Industries Faculty |

* 1. **Alignment with current QUT and DMRC research priorities**

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| Briefly explain your project’s alignment with QUT’s university-level research priorities and it’s alignment with one or more of the DMRC’s research programs, and any of the DMRC’s priority topics for 2018. For QUT university research priorities, refer to: <https://www.qut.edu.au/research/our-priorities>. For the DMRC’s research programs and priority topics, refer to <https://research.qut.edu.au/dmrc/priorities/> . |
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* 1. **External alignment and engagement**

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| Provide details of any external links, existing or potential, that your project has. If your project is connected to a funded ARC or industry grant, provide details of the grant here. Explain if the project has an end-user focus or is a cross-discipline project. |
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1. **Statement of the research topic**

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| In no more than 100 words, provide a brief statement of the focus of the research to be conducted, the research problem it will address, and the intended contribution to knowledge it will make.  |
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1. **Brief overview of relevant literature**

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| In no more than 200 words, provide a brief overview of the key research on the topic and describe an existing gap in the knowledge that this project will address. |
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1. **Objectives of the research**

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| In no more than 100 words, explain the specific objectives that will enable you to achieve your project’s broader aim. For further information on formulating objectives, please refer to <http://betterthesis.dk/getting-started/short-synopsis> |
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1. **Research methods and plan**

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| In no more than 200 words, explain the research methods you will employ to achieve the objectives listed above. Explain if you have experience using these methods or if you will be developing these skills (and how) during the course of your studies. Outline your approach to data collection and analysis, and explain any resourcing issues related to this. Provide a notional plan of how you intend to undertake the research. |
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1. **Potential to make a research contribution**

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| Explain the potential for this project to make a research contribution, and specifically indicate journals in which you might publish research outputs from this project. Briefly note any previous research you have published or have under review (cross-reference to CV for details). |
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1. **References**

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| Provide a list of references. References do not count towards the maximum word-limit of 800 words. |
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