



Faculty of Business and Law

### PhD/DBA/Doctorate Research Proposal Form

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<b>1. Working Title – 15 words</b> This should be tightly focused on a current academic debate or problem and scoped within a particular context (e.g. industry or occupation in the case of Business and Management)
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<b>2. Introduction and research significance - 250 words</b> Why the topic is important? What do we already know? What we don't know?
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**3. Concise Critical Reflection on the Existing Literature – 500 words**

**4. Review of Relevant Theoretical Framework - 200 words**

**5. Research Questions or Hypotheses Based on the Literature Review & Theoretical Framework - 200 words**

**6. Research objectives – 100 words - Indicative three objectives**

**7a. Research Methods – 500 words**

Data collection methods, sampling, access issues

**7b. Research Methodology - 200 words**

How the data will be analysed

**8. Ethical Considerations - 150 words**

**9. Potential Contribution to Knowledge (and Practice, for Professional Doctorates) - 500 words**

**10. Research Plan/Timetable - 100 words**

**11. How will your proposed research align with the research interests of academic staff in The Faculty of Business and Law in your area? [Business academic staff](#) [Law academic staff](#) – 250 words**

**12. References/Bibliography - 300 words**