Higher Degrees by Research
Research Project Outline Cover Sheet

The Research Project Outline accompanies your Application for Admission.

CDU Student No. (if you have one)  
Surname:  
Given Name:  

1. Project Title:  

2. General Field of Research  

3. Proposed Principal Supervisor  

4. CDU Faculty/School  

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Please provide the following sections, referring to the Notes below. Handwritten proposals will not be accepted.

☐ 5. Description and background of the proposed project

☐ 6. Research Question

☐ 7. Proposed Methods

☐ 8. Ethical considerations

☐ 9. Resource implications

☐ 10. Field work – permits, visas, date restrictions

☐ 11. Other relevant issues

Notes relating to the Project Outline

All applications must be accompanied by a brief research proposal (1500-1700 words or 3-4 pages) on the proposed research project. It is appreciated that many applicants will be in the middle of completing Honours, Graduate Diploma or Masters theses at the time of application, and will be unable to commit the time to writing a detailed research proposal. However it is essential that you provide the following information to enable your application to be considered:

1. Project title. This is a working title for the proposed project. It will not necessarily reflect the final thesis title.

2. General Field of Research. The general field of study of your research (eg Educational Administration, Natural Resource Management).

3. Proposed Principal Supervisor. The CDU-based supervisor with whom you have discussed your research project.

4. CDU Faculty/School. The CDU Faculty / School in which the proposed Supervisor is based.

5. Brief description. A brief description of the research you would like to do, including details about specific methodological techniques (this is especially important for some of the more technologically based projects where capital equipment items may be required).

6. Ethical considerations. Identify any ethical considerations that will require clearance by the Animal or Human Ethics Committees (eg interviewing subjects or dissecting subjects).

7. Resource implications. The resource implications of your research and whether you are applying for other funding to cover any costs that will be incurred.

8. Field work – permits, visas, date restrictions. Whether you envisage a substantial portion of your study to involve fieldwork, and if so where. Please detail any permits and/or visas that you will require to carry out your proposed fieldwork.