

Guidelines for pre-proposals to accompany PhD applications to the School of Education.

All PhD applicants need to submit a short pre-proposal document (+/-1200-1500words) with their application. The pre-proposal should address and include the following:

1. What is the title of your proposed project?
2. What will the research aim to achieve and how do you plan to make this happen? [This is a research question and how it will be answered]
3. Why is the research important? To whom is the research important and why is it important at the present time? [This answers the question so what?]
4. What other work has been done in this area and what theories have been applied to it? What theory do you propose to use?
5. What is the proposed methodology and why is this methodology considered most appropriate?
6. Optional: What do you think will be the main intellectual contribution of the project that you propose?