**PhD RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORM**

**Please submit this proposal as a Microsoft Word document**.

# **PART A**

## Section 1: Your full names

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## Section 2: Your e-mail address

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## Section 3: Academic background

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| **No.** | **Degrees obtained**  (e.g. ‘MSc in Agricultural Economics’) | **Years of study**  (e.g. ‘2003-2006’) | **University, Country**  (e.g. ‘University of Reading, UK’) | **Outcome**  (e.g. class or GPA) |
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## Section 4: How did you hear about our PhD programme?

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# **PART B**

## Section 1: Your proposed research title

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## Section 2: Proposal (Max. 1,000 words)

**Section 2 must follow suggested structure and not exceed 1,000 words in length**. Any proposal that exceeds the word limit will not be reviewed and will be sent back to the applicant.

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| Aims and rationale for your proposed research (approx. 150 words)  * *Concisely state what your proposed research aims to investigate; why your research is important to your research field and why it is timely to pursue the research now.*  State of the art (approx. 250 words)  * *Concisely demonstrate how your proposed research fits in within the existing knowledge and literature (both seminal works and recent empirical studies). Remember to define key concept(s) used in the justification of your research.* * *If applicable, state which theoretical framework(s) will inform your research and why* * *The APA in-text citation guideline should be closely followed.*  Research questions or hypotheses (approx. 100 words)  * *State up to 5 key research questions or hypotheses that you intend to test in your research*  Research design (approx. 350 words)  * *Research approach (indicate whether your proposed research is quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods research)* * *Sample size and sampling strategies (describe experimental or observational design, this is driven by the approach described above)* * *Data collection methods (how do you intend to gather data needed to test your hypotheses or answer your research questions)* * *Data analysis (describe your data analysis methods in relation to each of your research questions or hypotheses)* * *Remember to justify all aspects of your research design*  Outcomes and potential impact of your research (approx. 150 words)*Concisely state the potential impact of your research on your intended stakeholders e.g. researchers, practitioners, policy makers, etc.* |

## Section 3: Word count

*Indicate the word count of Section 2.*

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## Section 4: References

* *List all references cited in Section 2 in the space below, the content of this section is not counted towards Section 2’s 1,000-word limit.*
* *The APA referencing guideline should be closely followed.*
* *Research articles should be from the last ten years, unless they are seminal texts.*

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## Section 5: Research group and potential supervisors (Max. 200 words)

* *Having reviewed our research groups and staff members, identify which group does your proposal suit best and list 1-2 potential supervisors, concisely explaining how your proposed research aligns with theirs.*
* *If you have already been in touch with potential supervisors, please also let us know in the box below.*
* *Our decision on whether to make you an admissions offer will be partly based on a good fit between your and your potential supervisors’ research interests.*

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| Name of Potential Supervisor 1: \_\_\_\_\_  Brief rationale for why this member of staff would be an appropriate supervisor for you (Max. 100 words):  Have you already been in touch with this supervisor? *Yes / No*  Name of Potential Supervisor 2: \_\_\_\_\_  Brief rationale for why this member of staff would be an appropriate supervisor for you (Max. 100 words):  Have you already been in touch with this supervisor? *Yes / No* |