

Writing a research proposal

Prepare for your Confirmation of Candidature by attending this short course on writing and presenting your research proposal.

This short course provides an introduction to writing and presenting your research proposal for Confirmation of Candidature. It focuses on the elements of a research proposal, taking into account specific disciplinary requirements. It features a project-based learning model in which participants work on their research proposal draft and presentation with the benefit of peer and instructor feedback and support.

Key features

- Videos of highly experienced researchers discussing what they look for in a research proposal.
- A project-based learning model in which participants focus on academic writing while drafting their research proposal and giving a short online presentation.
- A flexible online format offering self-paced learning, moderated discussion and peer-to-peer based learning.

Learning outcomes

On completing this course participants will be able to:

- understand the purpose and importance of the research proposal
- understand the structure and components of a research proposal in their discipline
- draft a problem statement and research questions
- prepare and present an authoritative presentation of their research proposal.

Learning activities

Participants undertake three key learning activities during the course by:

- regularly contributing to the discussion forum
- drafting and refining their research proposal according to guidelines from their discipline and providing feedback to peers through the writing forum
- preparing a presentation of their research proposal and presenting a summary of this online.

Note: to successfully complete the course and receive a certificate of recognition, all learning activities need to be completed.

Prerequisites

To complete this short course, participants will need to be working towards their Confirmation of Candidature. Ideally, they will have commenced writing their proposal.

Moderator

Dr Judy Maxwell, Dr Ken Manson or Dr Jen Anderson

Time commitment

The total time commitment for this module is **8 hours on-screen engagement over four weeks** (through 4 modules) and self-paced work at your own discretion.

When offered

This short course is offered four times each year.

To register or for further information

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