

## **Research Plan Template**

Your research plan should contain the following elements and be submitted to the Joint PhD in Education Studies with the rest of your application package. Bear in mind that your plan will likely change as you move through the program. This is just an initial explanation of your area of interest and understanding of the field. Please remember to delete the instructions before you submit. The maximum length is 1500 words (not including the title, your name, your topic, your supervisor's name, or references).

**Your Name:**

**Your Topic:**

**Your proposed supervisor(s):** You should have been in contact with your proposed supervisor(s) prior to applying to the program. You may ask them to read over this document prior to your application

### **Significance of research & topic**

Describe the broad context of the research and the overall contribution which will be made to the general field of research. If you have a personal connection to the research, this is where you would include that too. (300-400 words).

### **Research question**

Indicate the potential key question that your research will address.

### **Literature overview**

Situate your proposed research within the current literature in the topic area. This should be your most substantial section (400 - 500 words).

### **Proposed methodology**

Describe the methodology to be used in the proposed research and why it is appropriate to the research questions/purpose. This should include the participant group you're interested in, as well as the proposed methods.

### **Your previous work in the field (optional)**

If you have done a Master's thesis or other research project within the proposed topic area, you should outline that briefly here.

### **References**

This section does not count towards the word limit.