Research Plan Template

Your research plan should contain the following elements and be submitted to the Joint PhD in Educational Studies with the rest of your application package. Your plan will likely change as you move through the program. This requirement is 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).

Research competence is demonstrated by the completion of master's thesis. If you have not completed a thesis, it is required that equivalent evidence of research capacity is provided (ie. Major paper, peer reviewed publications). Include this information following your Research Plan (merge documents).

Your Name:

Your Topic:

Your proposed supervisor(s):

You should have been in communication with your proposed supervisor(s) and confirmed their agreement to supervise you prior to applying to the program.
It is advised that you consult with and obtain feedback for this document from your confirmed supervisor prior to submitting in the online application system.

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(s).

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, and the

proposed methods.

Your previous work in the field

If you have completed a Master's thesis or other research project within the proposed topic area, you should outline that briefly here. If your academic background is a course based degree, provide links to proof of additional research capacity here (ie. peer reviewed journal articles)

References

This section does not count towards the word limit.

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