



MEd (Educational Support) (Research) Research Proposal Guidelines

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your application to the **MEd (Educational Support) (Research)** programme.

Using the guidelines on the next page, and keeping in mind the departmental research foci in the table below where the capacity exists to supervise a full thesis, kindly prepare a research proposal for the consideration of the programme selection committee.

1. Childhood adversity	2. Youth violence
3. Attachment-based learning and development	4. Bibliotherapy
5. Inclusive Education	6. Social Justice Education
7. Parent involvement	8. Gender and sexuality education
9. Mental Health and Social Justice	10. Developmental Trauma
11. Learning Support	12. Learning Challenges

Kind regards,

Prof Anthony Brown
Departmental Chair



Research Proposal Guidelines

Important:

- Your proposal should not exceed 4000 - 6000 words.
- APA 7th ed referencing style
- 12 Font
- Times New Roman
- 1.5 line spacing

1. Proposed title of the study

Maximum 16 words

2. Motivation for the proposed research

For example:

- Why is this study necessary?
- What is the background or context that has led to the need for this study?
- In what possible ways will the study make an original and conceptual contribution?
- Include references to literature to illustrate points made.

3. Statement of the problem

For example:

- Briefly state the central research problem and provide the hypothesis/es, research aim(s)/objectives, research question, sub-questions etc., if and where applicable.
- This section should clearly focus your research.

4. Research methodology

For example:

- How will the study be done?
- What will be your research approach, method(s) and what types of data will you use?
- Provide sufficient information here for the proposals committee to judge whether your methodology fits your research question.
- How will data be generated and analysed?
- Who is your target group?

5. Provisional chaptering and proposed time schedule

6. Ethical considerations

For example:

- What ethical issue(s) does the study involve and how will this be handled?

7. Any additional information to make the proposal clearer

For example:

- Measures concerning validity, reliability, credibility, trustworthiness.

8. Reference list

The list of references at the end of your proposal should include all the books, journal articles, e-mail messages, web pages and other information sources that you have physically consulted and that have been cited in the text.