

Dear applicant

Thank you for your interest in applying for our PhD programme. To complete our screening process of applications and identifying a promoter, we require a **focused research outline** from you, to assist us in making a final selection. In this regard, please could you supply us with the following information (**which should not exceed 350 words**):

1. Your name and the proposed title of your dissertation/thesis.
2. A short background on your choice of topic, a statement of the research problem, and the associated research question(s) that you intend to answer. *(For this exercise, refer to - and list - at least three (3) relevant academic sources.)*
3. Your proposed research design, including:
  - a. The methods you will use to answer the research question(s).
  - b. The kind of data you will need in order to answer the research question(s). Be as specific as possible and indicate whether you have access to the data. If not, how do you plan to access/collect the data?
4. The potential practical and/or policy implications of your research.
5. The academic contribution that you believe your research/study will make.

Remember: **The above is not a formal research proposal**. The information will simply give the assessment committee an idea of your current thinking regarding your research aspirations and approach.

Please submit the required information as part of your PhD application.