
RESEARCH PROPOSAL 2026-2027
for a Ph.D. Program

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Name of applicant:

1. What is the research question you wish to answer? What are the gaps in academic knowledge and/or policy practice that you intend to fill with your research? You may include references. (Maximum 500 words)

2. Describe the hypotheses of your research as concretely as possible. (Maximum 700 words)

3. Describe the methodology that you plan to use. More specifically, describe the materials/data and the analytical framework that you plan to use. Explain how and where you will obtain your data. Please provide sufficient detail so that we can determine the feasibility of your research plan. (Maximum 1,000 words)

4. Lay out the chapter titles of your proposed thesis simply, without explanations.

5. Explain in detail the specific expertise of your proposed advisor that will be essential to your study. (Maximum 300 words)