

Form 1: PhD Research Proposal

General Instructions:

Khulna University requires a research proposal to accompany the application to study PhD. Please provide an outline proposal in 1000 - 2000 words (2 - 4 pages, A4, single spaced, 11 or 12 point) with the style and headings indicated below. Detailed quantities, values or procedures are not required, but enough information should be present to permit the Post Graduate Studies Committee to judge the feasibility, level, novelty and value of the proposed work. You are strongly advised to discuss the proposal with the proposed supervisor (if known) in advance and to write in a style suitable for a non-specialist in the field to understand.

Applicants are advised to visit the individual school websites for the respective guidelines on the format of research proposal required (if any).

Applicant's Name:

Working title or area of study:

[This is not a thesis title, but a broad indication of the proposed topic.]

Background:

[This should provide the introductory material that explains the motivation for and aims and objectives of the study: context, rationale, theory or observations that prompt the question or questions you propose to address.]

Materials and Methods:

[This indicates in broad terms the kinds of information sought, the approaches to be taken, and the materials, equipment, subjects, methods, data analysis and so on, as appropriate.]

Significance:

[Explain the expected outcomes and their significance to the various fields of application or contexts, the anticipated impacts or value of the results and their interpretation.]

References:

[Each of the above sections should have appropriate representative or key primary references, preferably from the recent literature where this exists.]