

*Institute of Criminology
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PhD Proposal Form

NB -- Maximum length of the proposal: 4 pages.

1. Suggested title of PhD project
2. A literature review that shows the respects in which your proposed work builds on and will augment, clarify, or qualify existing knowledge
3. A clear statement of research questions and hypotheses
4. Methodology -- A feasible research design including a discussion of the methods you will employ (qualitative research; quantitative research; mixed-methods approach, etc) and why they are appropriate; study participants/data sources you plan to utilize, including how you expect to obtain access to them; further details about how the fieldwork will be conducted, etc
5. Timeline of research; indicating a general timeline about when literature review will be completed, when it is hoped that fieldwork will commence and be completed, writing up stages, etc
6. Implications for policy and practice arising from the suggested research
7. Suggested supervisor—applicants are strongly encouraged to look at the profile of our academic staff members and indicate their preference about potential supervisors (up to 3 suggested names). Applicants should keep in mind that beyond the quality of the PhD proposal, it is important that a supervisor is in place, able to supervise the specific topic.