



1. Project proposal

Your project proposal is a very important part of the assessment process. It provides Buckinghamshire New University with a sense as to:

- whether you have the potential to obtain a PhD through undertaking research and writing a thesis
- whether your proposed project can be studied to the depth required.

Your project proposal can be up to 2500 words long and should contain:

The aims/rationale of the project.	This should be clear and should indicate, in essence, what you will expect to have achieved on completion of the project.
A description of the research to be undertaken.	You should provide a short statement that refers to previous work with properly cited references and shows how the proposed research 'fits in'. It should explain why you are going to do the research.
A brief statement of the proposed methodology.	You need to indicate how you expect to achieve the stated aims. You should give a concise description of what you intend to do.
A brief literature survey.	At the end you should give the references that have been cited in the text. A comprehensive and detailed bibliography is not required. References should be listed in a conventional academic style.
A time-frame and plan of work.	Suitable for your proposed mode of study (part-time or full-time),
Any other pertinent points that you believe are necessary.	

Your project proposal should be a separate document (pdf or .docx) which should be submitted by email attachment with your completed application form.

The proposal should be headed with the proposed title of your research project and your full name and address.

All research proposals will be submitted through Turnitin to check for originality.