

## RD12 - Research Proposal Form

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The completed form should be returned to the Research Office at [roffice@ucreative.ac.uk](mailto:roffice@ucreative.ac.uk) along with a copy of your CV outlining your education, qualifications and any experience relevant to your application. You should also provide the names and contact details of two referees who can testify to your suitability to study for a research degree.

Please ensure that the subject box of your email contains your name and Research Proposal form (Your name – Research Proposal). UCA cannot be held responsible for email submissions that are not appropriately titled.

### Section A: About You

A1: Personal Details		
First Name:	Surname:	Date of Birth:
Phone Numbers:	SKYPE address: Email address:	Postal Address:
Country of Domicile:	Country of Birth:	Nationality:

A2: Availability for interview

A3: English Language requirements: <i>if English is not your first language, please state your current IELTS/TOEFL score &amp; date obtained.</i>

A4: How do you intend to finance your study?
Self-funding <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Studentship <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Please give details of scholarships or sponsorships for which you have applied:

**Section B: About your Research**

**B1: What is the working title of your research project?**

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**B2: Outline your research proposal (max 500 words)**

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**B3: What methods or approaches are you using to investigate or discuss your chosen field? If your research is practice-based, what do you envisage might be the final outcome of your work? (max 500 words)**

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**B4: What are the critical and disciplinary contexts and precedents for your research? (max 500 words)**

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**B5: What kinds of resources and facilities do you anticipate you might need to carry out your research?**

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**Guidance notes for completing this form:**

### **Section A: About You**

**A1** Your personal details are required for purposes of communication and for establishing your student fee status. Your date of birth is required as a unique identifier. These will be treated in confidence and play no part in the assessment of your application.

**A2** You may be invited to discuss your application further at interview preferably in person but failing that via Skype. Where possible we try to accommodate applicants therefore please inform us of any periods of time when you will not be available for interview.

**A3** Entry requirements to UCA Research Degrees include an IELTS score of 6.5

**A4** Please tell us how you intend to finance your study. This information will be treated in confidence and play no part in the assessment of your application. However, it is important for us to know of any financial implications upon your work, particularly if you are an International / Overseas student. Additionally, this is an opportunity to declare that you are looking for funding to support your registration and research.

### **Section B: About your Research**

The information that you provide in this section allows us to get a sense of your interests, expertise and the nature of your research enquiry. It offers a basis on which we can discuss your work and ambitions, and helps us to assess how best we might be able to support you. We are particularly interested to know how you have arrived at the point of making a research proposal and how your educational and research experience and practice has informed this.

**B1** A working title is a useful way of summarizing your interests and identifying the fields of practice and research in which you work. It is not fixed and is open to change.

**B2** Your research proposal should outline your area of interest and enquiry. You should identify the questions you propose to ask and reflect upon any assumptions or hypotheses that you are seeking to establish or challenge. This is also an opportunity for you to contextualize your research in your previous experience and explain how you have arrived at this particular project

**B3** All good research has strong methodology at its core. It is shaped and formed by critical approaches and understandings that inform what it is that the researcher actually does. This is an opportunity for you to tell us what activities and practices you are looking to do in exploration of your research questions. If you are proposing to conduct your work through practice, what sort of outcomes do you anticipate it might result in? How do you think these might develop throughout the period of your registration?

**B4** The PhD is awarded in recognition of its 'original' contribution to knowledge therefore disciplinary precedents and contexts for your research are essential to understanding the field in which you are proposing to work. Traditionally PhDs have included some form of literature review of work that informs and contextualises the research. What areas of research and practices do you anticipate you will need to consider and review in developing your research? Who are the researchers and practitioners that provide contexts and contrasts for your work? How do you anticipate that your work might build upon or challenge theirs?

**B5** In order for us to judge how best we can support you we need to know what sort of resources and facilities you think you might need to undertake your research. Information about our facilities is available on the university website. Are there any specific practical or research training needs that you have already identified? Are there any particularly expensive processes or materials required for your work? Do you anticipate the need to work with other organisations or facilities in support of your work?