

FASS Research Proposal Template

Word length

2000 to 3000 words

Title

Use a concise and descriptive title that accurately reflects the content of the proposal.

Background context and significance

This section should explain the background and context of the proposed research work, indicating the **main contribution to knowledge** you wish to make.

Aims and objectives

Include a clear and specific research aim and objectives that show what you want to achieve. A **research aim** is an intention or aspiration for your research: what you hope to accomplish, in broad terms, at the end of the project. A **research objective** is a specific goal or a step on the way to meeting your research aims. Objectives use specific statements that define measurable or tangible outcomes.

Literature review

This section reviews the scholarly literature that should outline the most important research and/or creative work already carried out in your research area. Identify the gap in the existing literature and end the section with **possible research questions** that will contribute to building new knowledge in this area.

Research methodology / Research design

Provide a detailed research methodology that includes the theoretical frameworks, broad methodology (e.g., ethnography, history, hermeneutics and interpretation, design thinking, etc.), data gathering and data analysis methods, and ethical considerations.

Resources required

UTS will provide a desk and computer (desktop or laptop), regular office resources such as a printer, and bibliographic and other databases through the university library. Indicate if you need additional resources here.

Research plan and timeline

This section should summarise the steps and approximate timing within a six-monthly schedule over the years of candidature for your degree.

Connection to UTS Research

This section should explain how the intended research fits with UTS research priorities. Talk to your potential supervisors for this section. You might also revisit the [FASS Research Groups](#) to consider how your project connects with different themes and strengths in FASS research.

References