

**Professional Doctorate Social Work and Social Care (D55)**

**Applicant’s Research Proposal**

Please write a statement (1,000 words maximum). Make sure you include the following information (do not worry if you do not know exactly how your project will develop, it is fine to signal areas you are uncertain about):

* **Introduction:** briefly explain your professional or practice context, the issue/concern/problem in your area that you are hoping to explore and why it is important to you. Also, a little bit about why you would like to pursue a professional doctorate and how it fits with your experience, expertise and/or professional roles. If you have future career plans, we’d be interested in knowing about them too.
* **Research area/topic**: clearly describe the focus of your research area/topic of interest, expressing this as a research question if possible.
* **The literature**: critically describe what is currently known about your area/topic of interest and your thoughts about what you have read. Please provide some references within the writing.
* **Approach**: explain how you might go about investigating your area/topic of interest, the research methods you might use and how this approach would address your research question(s).
* **Contribution**: suggest how your study might contribute to knowledge, practice or policy.