

**Birmingham Business School   
Doctoral Scholarship Application Form**

**Candidate Summary**

**Candidate Details**

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| Candidate Family Name: |  |
| Candidate First name(s) |  |
| Application ID Number |  |

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| Host School | Birmingham Business School |
| Host Department |  |
| Proposed Supervisors |  |
| Area of Research |  |
| Candidate Programme Title | PhD in |
| Candidate Start Date |  |

**Qualification Details**

*Masters degree*

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| University |  |
| Degree Subject and  Classification (or equivalent) |  |
| Details of Courses above 70% obtained |  |
| Awards or Prizes |  |

*Undergraduate degree*

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| **University** |  |
| **Degree Subject and**  **Classification (or equivalent)** |  |
| **Details of Courses above 70% obtained** |  |
| **Awards or Prizes** |  |

**Supporting Statement (Research Proposal);**

A crucial element of the PhD application is the research proposal. We recognise that research proposals are likely to evolve and change after registration; this initial proposal is used to determine the candidate’s potential for research at doctoral level, to ensure that the proposed topic is suitable for an in-depth study and to determine the availability of academics who will supervise the research. You should write a minimum of 3,500 words (excluding references) and no more than 5,000 words (excluding references), using the following layout:

***Title:*** The title of proposed thesis.

***Introduction:*** The background to the research topic, why it is important and why you have chosen it; the specific problem/s or question/s the study will address; the research aims and objectives and any hypotheses or research propositions; the expected contribution to scholarship/knowledge (applied and/or theoretical).

***Literature:*** A review of the important literature relating to your proposed topic. which demonstrates up-to-date knowledge of the research field; justifies the choice of research topic; highlights the original contribution your research is likely to make , for example highlight the gap in current knowledge you intend to fill.

***Methodology:*** The type of data (qualitative/quantitative/both), material or resources the study will use and how you will gather them; how you will analyse the data/material once they have been collected; ethical considerations that are likely to be involved in the study; justification for your choice of methodology/ies.

***Plan and timetable:*** A realistic proposed work plan and timetable.

***References:*** The proposal should be referenced correctly with all sources acknowledged.

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| Signed: |  | Date: |  |

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL AND RETURN TO:**

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