



School of Education

## M.Ed. Dissertation Proposal and Form

We invite you to submit a proposal for the research that you would like to undertake for your dissertation for the Master of Education as a **Dissertation Proposal Document and a Dissertation Summary Form**.

Putting together your proposal will take time, especially as it will involve reading and clarifying your thoughts. However, it is not a definitive account of the research you will carry out as this will develop as you take modules, read, interact with others and meeting with your supervisor during the programme.

### A Dissertation Proposal Document

Please complete a document of approximately 1200 words describing your area of research interest.

1. **Broad area** you would like to research (e.g. Student attitudes to Junior Cycle subject areas);
2. **Key words** that encompass your proposed research, 5 words (e.g. high school students, attitudes, curriculum, subjects, learning)
3. **Aims** of your proposed research
4. **Research questions** for your proposed research, 4 maximum
5. **Brief description** of the proposed research area, the background (including some existing literature) and its relevance / significance to policy, practice and / or theory;
6. **Potential methodologies** and instruments for your
7. **Sampling** such as who would be involved in the study and where (if proposing to work with human participants);
8. **Timeline** for the proposed research.

This list may be useful to guide your thinking and structure your content, but alternatively do create your own structure for your proposal.

Please upload the description of your area of research interest to your application or email it to [master.education@tcd.ie](mailto:master.education@tcd.ie), with your application number. Do maintain and store a back-up copy for yourself.

### B Dissertation Summary Form

Please also complete the form at the link below, with your name, email, strand, broad area of research and key words. This link connects to a Trinity College Microsoft Form where your data will be securely stored.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCDMEdProposal2027>

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or need clarification on any of the above.

We look forward to receiving your application and proposal.

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