



School of Education

Master of Education Dissertation Proposal and Form 2024

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Education at Trinity College Dublin.

We invite you to submit a proposal for the research that you would like to undertake for your dissertation for the Master of Education in two parts, a **Dissertation Proposal Document** and a **Dissertation Summary Form**. Putting together the proposal will take time, especially as it will involve reading and clarifying your thoughts. However, it is a snapshot of the research you would like to carry out at this stage. We appreciate that in applying for the programme you may be wishing to take it over one, two or three years. Needless to say, your ideas for research will develop as you take modules, read, interact with others and meeting with your supervisor during the programme.

If you would like to talk this over, please email mastered@tcd.ie outlining your query and contact details, and a strand leader or coordinator will get back to you.

A Dissertation Proposal Document

Please complete a document of approximately 800-1200 words describing your ideas for your area of research interest. This list may be useful to guide your thinking and structure your content, but alternatively do create your own structure for your proposal.

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.

Please upload the description of your area of research interest to your application and email it to master.education@tcd.ie, with 'MEd Application' and your name and application number in the subject line. 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 TCD Microsoft Form where your data will be securely stored. In time, this will help us with working out which of our colleagues can support and supervise you.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCDMEDDissertation2024>

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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