

Research intent statement guidelines for Ph.D. applicants

Title Page	A working title of the intended research should be presented. While the title does not need to be final, it should clearly indicate the proposed research area or topic.
Table of Contents	A table of contents should be included for easier navigation through the document.
Abstract	Applicants should provide a brief overview of the intended research area and the general idea of the proposed study. <i>(≈150 –250 words)</i>
Introduction and Research Intent	In this section, applicants are expected to introduce the general research area they are interested in and explain the problem, issue, or phenomenon they would like to explore. The purpose, importance and relevance of the topic should be discussed together with preliminary research questions or objectives. Applicants may also briefly explain the general direction or approach they are considering for the study. At this stage, the purpose is to present initial research interests and ideas rather than a finalized research design. <i>(≈600 –1,000 words)</i>
Preliminary Literature Review and Theoretical Framework Discussion	Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with important concepts, theories, discussions, and studies related to their intended research area. A comprehensive literature review is not expected; however, the section should reflect awareness of existing research and identify possible theoretical or practical gaps that may be explored during the doctoral studies. <i>(≈600 –1,000 words)</i>
Initial Methodological Considerations	Applicants should briefly discuss the research methods or approaches they currently believe may be appropriate for their intended study, such as qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, conceptual, or case study approaches. The appropriateness of the chosen method should be justified; however, a detailed methodology is not required at this stage. <i>(≈300 –500 words)</i>
Preliminary Research Planning	Applicants are encouraged to provide a short overview of how they envision the development of their research throughout the Ph.D. process, including possible stages, areas of focus, or tentative timelines. <i>(≈150 –300 words)</i>
References	All references and sources used in the preparation of the document should be listed at the end of the manuscript and formatted according to APA style.

Important Notes:

1. The research intent statement should be written in full sentences and structured in paragraph form, not as a list of bullet points.
2. Research intent statements must meet academic integrity standards and represent an original idea. Plagiarized content, or content generated by AI tools is not permitted. Each submission will be scanned for plagiarism and the use of AI. Works that fail to meet these standards will not be accepted.