# Research Proposal Form

**Once completed, this form should be submitted to the relevant submission link on** [**Moodle**](https://moodle.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=33608)**.**

**Before submitting, please send a draft to your supervisor(s) for them to comment on and make suggestions. This should be well ahead (i.e. several weeks) of the deadline for submitting the form to the course. Please contact your supervisor to agree a date that allows them time to comment and sign the final version.**

1. **Summary**

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| **Trainee Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Title of Project** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Proposed start date** | | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Proposed end date** | | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Internal supervisor(s)** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **External supervisor(s) Name and Organisation** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Joint Project?** If so, who is your partner | | Choose an item. |
| **What kind of ethical approval is required?** please select | | NHS  UCL ethics  Ethical approval already in placed  Secondary analysis not requiring ethical approval |
| **Setting and recruitment** Where will research take place and where will participants be recruited from?  (e.g. clinical services / school / university sample) | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Summary of proposal (150-200 words)**  What is the research question that you are going to address?  How will you address this? What is new and/or important about this research? What will you have found out at the end of the project?  *\* You might find it helpful to fill in this part of the form last*    Click or tap here to enter text. | | |

1. **Introduction**

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| **Provide a *brief* background to the project (~750 words maximum)**  Briefly summarise the key existing research and findings and how they led you to formulate your project.  What are the key areas that your research is building from or tying together e.g. psychological processes of interest (e.g. effect of mood on memory), client group (e.g. adults with a diagnosis of depression), intervention (e.g. compassion-focused imagery).  What are the gaps in what has been done before? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **List of key references** (APA format)  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **What are the *Aims* of the present study?** *e.g. to better understand how low mood shapes recollection of memory* |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **What are your main hypotheses?\***  These should be clearly stated and testable. If appropriate, specify the direction of any effects (small vs larger) or associations (negative vs positive). Use a numbered list if there is more than one hypothesis.  *e.g.H1: people with lower mood will show greater recollection of negatively valenced memories*  *\*If the research is more exploratory, it may be more appropriate to state the broader research questions.* |
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1. **Methods**

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| **Participants.** Who will be involved? Specify how and where they will they be recruited from. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| What are the key inclusion and exclusion criteria?  Click or tap here to enter text. |
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***Design:***

*Studies may have quantitative methods (****Section A****), qualitative methods (****Section B****), or both. Please fill in the sections that apply, and then complete* ***Section C.***

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| **A.** **Quantitative methods** |
| Describe your study design (e.g. Is the design cross-sectional or longitudinal? Is the design within-participants or between-participants?)  What are the independent variables (including any manipulations or interventions) and what are the dependent variables that you are measuring? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Measures.**  Give a *brief* rationale for the variables and measures to be used. Comment on their validity and suitability for use in *this* study. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Predictions and planned analyses.**  What statistical analyses will you use? For example, if you are using an ANOVA, state the factors and the main effects and/or interactions of interest.  Be specific about measures analysed and explain how the analysis will allow you to test your hypotheses/research questions. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **B. Qualitative methods** |
| **Data collection**  Describe your sampling method  If conducting interviews, detail the interview topics and key questions to be asked here.  Detail how you arrived at these methods. How will you seek consultation/input on your proposed methods? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Analysis**  Which analytic approach(es) are you considering and why? How is this approach best suited to answer your research questions?  Do you plan on using software (e.g. N-Vivo) in your analysis? If not, detail how you will ensure a systematic and rigorous approach in your analysis.  Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **C. Protocol – *complete this section regardless of whether your study is quantitative, qualitative, or mixed***  Summarise what will happen to your participants (from the point of being approached to the end of the study)? Keep this brief (maximum 350 words) |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

1. **Ethical considerations and service user involvement**

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| **What are the key ethical considerations?**  A brief, bullet pointed list – and how you’ve addressed them – will suffice at this stage |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Service user involvement.**  How has or will service user involvement shape your research design and/or dissemination? For example, participant involvement in developing the protocol or interview schedule, or analysis |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

1. **Project Feasibility**

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| **Proposed sample size**  How many participants will you need for your primary planned analysis? Briefly describe how you arrived at this estimate. If a quantitative study, describe your power analysis. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Feasibility and timeline**  What issues may arise that could delay study approval, data collection and analysis?  Explain how you will access your required sample and provide a timeline for recruitment. Discuss this carefully with your supervisor  It is suggested to include a contingency plan (or “plan B”) that you will resort to if issues around feasibility jeopardise your original plan. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Is this a joint/shared project with another trainee?**  How have you ensured that your project will be sufficiently distinct from others? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Institutional arrangements**  Who will help with each component of the research? Explain how the team provides *all* the necessary support, including 1) recruitment, 2) data collection and 3) each type of analysis. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Costings**  Please consult the course website to check eligible costs (https://www.ucl.ac.uk/clinical-psychology-doctorate/funding-major-research-project) |
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1. **Supervisor sign off**

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| **Please ensure your supervisor endorses the following checks before submitting** |
| **I confirm that:**  I agree to supervise this project  I have read the proposal and had the opportunity to give feedback  I have agreed supervision arrangements with the trainee including frequency of supervision meetings, progress reviews, written feedback on drafts, and an outline timetable for the project  The research team includes all necessary expertise, as detailed in the Institutional Arrangements above (section V)  Signed ………………………………………………………..  Name…………………………………………………………..  Date Click or tap to enter a date. |