

## PHD RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

### MUST BE USED WHEN APPLYING TO BANGOR LAW SCHOOL

Please note: full academic referencing using the OSCOLA system should be used where appropriate throughout this proposal: <http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php>

#### 1. Provisional title (max 50 words)

The title should indicate the central focus of the research and should contain the key words associated with proposed work.

#### 2. Central question/hypothesis for investigation (max 15-50 words)

State the central question/hypothesis of your proposed research. Eg 'This thesis asks...' or 'This thesis examines the hypothesis that...'

#### 3. Key aims of the research (max 200 words)

Set out a number of specific aims (3-5) of the research which indicate the intended contribution and impact of the PhD. They should answer the question: 'what will the PhD achieve'?

#### 4. Literature review (max 700 – 1,000 words)

This section should situate your chosen topic in the existing research and should show that you are familiar with the key works in the area. Explain how the current literature addresses the issue you have identified, give a summary of recent debates in the area and explain the current shortcomings in the existing scholarship.

#### 5. Description of your topic (max 300 - 700 words)

Explain how your research will address the gap or shortcomings in knowledge, why it is original and why further research in the area is important.

#### 6. Methodology (max 300 words)

Explain how you will obtain the information necessary to write your thesis. Include an explanation of the approach(es) will you be taking to the research (library-based? empirical?) and any relevant quantitative/qualitative methods (interviews, questionnaires, survey and to whometc). Outline any ethical concerns (eg interviewing children/prisoners/refugees etc).

#### 7. Bibliography

#### 8. Timetable

Provide a realistic timetable for the research over a period of 3 years.