

## **MPsy Dissertation Proposal**

All MPsy trainees are expected to complete this MPsy Dissertation Proposal Form and send a copy to the course secretary ([sarah.j.mifsud@um.edu.mt](mailto:sarah.j.mifsud@um.edu.mt)) by Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **Student details**

1. Name and surname:
2. Identity card number:
3. Contact details (address):
4. Telephone number:
5. Mobile number:
6. Email address (use only UoM email):

### **Supervisor's particulars**

7. Name and surname:
8. Email address:
9. Mobile number/ contact number:
10. Address (to be completed by part-time/ external lecturers):
11. Faculty/ Junior College:
12. Department/ Institute:
13. Full-time/ part-time/ visiting:

### **Second supervisor's particulars (if relevant)**

14. Name and surname:
15. Email address:
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17. Address (to be completed by part-time/ external lecturers):
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## Dissertation proposal details

21. Title (Maximum 15 words):
22. Introduction of the issue/s to be investigated:
23. Research agenda and research questions (maximum three)
24. Describe the background and justification for this study. Include some contextual background to your study by briefly mentioning knowledge of previous empirical work in this area. Use a maximum of 15 references (maximum 1000 words):
25. Keywords (6 max):
26. Expected contribution to the field:
27. Bibliography:

## Methodology

28. Tick the chosen method (type “x” in place of a tick):

Interviews: semi-structured interviews for professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interviews: other forms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Case Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Action Research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documentary Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Questionnaires	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standardised Tests	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources / Software Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (add details)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

29. Approximate sample size for the chosen method/s:
30. Describe your recruitment process:
31. Maximum 300 words. Provide information related to the tools used to gather and analyse data:
32. Discuss your proposed method of data analysis and interpretation. If your study is quantitative, you should consider how you will capture your data and the statistical

package you will use to analyze your data. If your study is qualitative, you must consider your chosen methodology (e.g. Thematic Analysis, Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis).

33. Timeframe of the study:

34. Ethical Considerations (please indicate if your response is yes (Y), no (N), or not applicable (NA)):

	<b>Y/N/NA</b>
Will you describe the main research procedures to participants in advance, so they are informed about what to expect?	
Will you tell participants that their participation is voluntary?	
Will you obtain written consent for participation?	
If this research is observational, will you ask participants for their consent to be observed?	
Will you tell participants that they may withdraw from the research at any time, for any reason, and without prejudice?	
With questionnaires, will you give participants the option of omitting questions they do not wish to answer?	
Will you tell participants that their data will be treated with full confidentiality and that they will not be made identifiable at any stage of the research process?	
Will you debrief participants at the end of the study?	
Will your project avoid the use of deception, when gathering data from participants?	
Is there any foreseeable risk of any participants experiencing either physical or psychological distress or discomfort?	

35. If you have answered NO to any of the questions, please explain why below:

36. Any other anticipated ethical issues?

37. Kindly confirm that your supervisor has checked and endorsed your proposal by ticking this box:

**Proposal Review (to be completed by the Dissertations Committee)**

Your dissertation proposal:

- has been accepted
- has been rejected
- is to be amended as remarked

Comments/Feedback