**Name:**

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**Research Proposal**

**Master of Philosophy (MPhil) specialising in Inclusive Innovation**

The Research Proposal should focus on a social or environmental challenge related to inclusivity. In the proposal, please tell us about: the context of the challenge you would like to explore, your knowledge and experience to date related to that context, anything you know about the current state of knowledge and practice in relation to that context, the questions you are sitting with, how you imagine you would explore these questions in a research project, and how your research might translate into practical action. You do not have to have everything figured out at this point. (In fact, if you have everything figured out, there is no need for you to do an MPhil!) What’s important is that you describe an inclusivity challenge that you feel passionate about, and that you share your questions and curiosities about that challenge. You do not have to rely heavily on outside reading, but a brief acknowledgement of a few key pieces of academic and/or practitioner literature is helpful. There is no specific word requirement, although we recommend 1500 – 2000 words. Every challenge is different, so use the outline below as a guide.

**Section A: Challenge Statement (500 words)**

Please describe the inclusivity challenge you wish to tackle, and the vision for the impact you want to have. Describe the context of this challenge as richly as you can. Focus particularly on what the need is, and who the solution will impact. Why do we need innovation in this area? What would a positive change look like from your perspective? Feel free to draw on a few pieces of academic and/or practice literature.

**Section B: Experience to date (500 words)**

What experience do you have related to the challenge you outlined? This experience could be personal, work, or volunteer. Have you taken any steps, to date, to research and/or develop your proposed inclusive innovation?

**Section C: Research plan (500 words)**

Please describe the research approach you think you might take. What is your main research question? What kinds of topics do you think you will need to review in the literature? What might your fieldwork look like - who or what will you need to explore and how? Do you anticipate using qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods? You will be able to revise your research topic and approach significantly through the course of year one, so this is just a preliminary sketch based on what you know now.

**Section D: Action plan (500 words)**

Please tell us a bit about how you hope to translate your research into real world action or *praxis.* Praxis might take many forms: a new business, nonprofit, network, or movement; changes within an existing organization or network; a new program or process; new practices of leadership, facilitation, and collaboration; new technologies; new pedagogies, etc. Be as imaginative and detailed as you can at this stage. Like your research project, your praxis model will evolve over time.