



## School of Education, University of Nottingham Malaysia

### Proposal writing guide for MPhil or PhD application

Details/Skills	Below expectations	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations
<b>Background information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The background is sufficiently researched and shows understanding of the current literature.</li><li>- A clear gap in current knowledge is identified.</li><li>- Problem statement is clear and relevant.</li><li>- Aims of the study, including research questions and/or hypotheses are clearly articulated.</li><li>- The proposed study has the potential to generate significant theoretical and/or practical contributions.</li></ul>			
<b>Literature review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Literature review reflects an overview of current and relevant literature.</li></ul>			
<b>Methodology</b> <p>Proposed methodology demonstrates the ability in planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Research design</li><li>- Participant selection</li><li>- Research instruments</li><li>- Data collection</li><li>- Data analysis</li></ul>			
<b>Presentation and referencing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The proposal reflects familiarity with the conventions of the academic community.</li></ul>			