**Research Proposal**

**Candidate Name:**

**Research Area of the Department in which the candidate wishes his/her proposal to be considered** (please, before making your choice, consult research groups’ available web: <https://www.upf.edu/web/phd-political-and-social-sciences/phd-faculty>)**:**

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| **** | **Comparative Politics** |
| **** | **Government, Management & Public Policies** |
| **** | **Gender and Politics** |
| **** | **Family and Gender Studies** |
| **** | **Health Inequalities**  |
| **** | **Migration and Diversity** |
| **** | **Political Behaviour**  |
| **** | **Environmental Social Science** |
| **** | **Political Theory**  |
| **** | **Political Parties** |
| **** | **Political Economy** |
| **** | **Political and Social Psychology** |
| **** | **Public Policy** |
| **** | **Sociology & Demography**  |
| **** | **Social Statistics** |
| **** | **International studies** |
| **** | **European Union Politics & European Integration** |

In the decision to admit a student into the PhD program much weight is given to her or his having the support of a member of UPF’s Department of Political and Social Sciences. Hence, we would like to know if:

1. **Have you contacted any member of our Department to express your interest in pursuing a PhD under her or his supervision?**

 **Yes**  **No**

1. **If you answered yes in 1), what is the name of this person(s)?**
2. **If you answered yes in 1), has this person agreed to supervise your thesis?**

 **Yes**  **No**  **Did not respond to my request**

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

**The maximum length of the proposal is 3000 words**

We recommended the following structure:

**TITLE**

It should be concise and describe well the intended research topic.

**INTRODUCTION**

What is the general problem that you want to address in your PhD thesis?

**JUSTIFICATION**

What is the justification for this proposal? Why is it relevant? What is novel about the proposal?

**BACKGROUND**

Include key references to the literature and what are its current limitations.

**OBJECTIVES**

What specific question(s) does this proposal address? Which specific objectives does it have? Which hypothesis aims to test or expects to raise?

**METHODS**

How does the proposal expect to reach its objectives? With which data? With which research design and techniques of analysis?