



### Purpose of this Request

Students completing an Applied Doctoral Project (ADP) are required to compose a Project Justification, usually developed during RES 8922: Applied Doctoral Project Planning II. After working with your Chair and receiving their approval, please submit a final draft through [Dissertation Scholarship Editorial Manager \(DSEM\)](#), complete this form and upload it into the DSEM.

### Student Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ADP Working Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Draft Version: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### RES 8920/8922 Instructor Review

- Approved; may advance to RES 8922
  - Approved; may proceed to work with ADP Chair
  - Changes requested; must revise and resubmit. Resubmission must include a change matrix that includes the instructor comments and how each comment was addressed in the revision.
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Beginning on the following page, please complete the following sections in this template, using black, 12-point font. Please address all required content.

- Justification Statement
- Purpose Statement
- Importance of the Project
- Proposed Project Approach
- Over-arching Study Question(s)/Statement of Project Intent
- References (must conform to APA 6<sup>th</sup> edition)

## **Justification Statement**

Provide sufficient background of the topic area and its relationship to the discipline or field of study that supports the need for, or opportunity to, conduct the proposed project. Describe the issue, situation, problem, or opportunity that reinforces the need to implement the study, supported by recent citations from the literature. Briefly explain how the intended outcomes of the project could be used to advance knowledge, understanding, or practice in the discipline or field of study. (2-3 paragraphs)

## **Purpose Statement**

Provide a specific, accurate synopsis of the overall purpose of the project. Align the Purpose Statement to the Justification Statement. In one concise paragraph, succinctly describe the focus, project approach, scope, and intended outcomes of the study. (1 paragraph)

### **Importance of the Project**

Briefly describe the importance of the proposed project, including how the project represents a unique approach to the topic, how the results may contribute to theory, knowledge, and/or practice in the discipline, and the implications of the study to scholars and practitioners. Identify any knowledge gaps to be addressed by the proposed project. (1-2 paragraphs)

### **Proposed Project Approach**

Briefly describe the approach for the proposed project, including how the project will be conceptualized, organized and implemented, and discuss how the proposed project will reflect accumulated learning from the student's academic program. Discuss any proposed data collection methodologies and instrumentation, as well as the study population, as appropriate. Describe how project outcomes will be achieved. (2-3 paragraphs)

### **Over-arching Study Question(s)/Statement of Project Intent**

Present the over-arching study question(s) or statement of project intent to be addressed, consistent with the proposed Purpose Statement and project approach. If hypotheses will be tested, identify the specific quantitative research questions and hypotheses, as well. (1 paragraph)

### **References**

List and cite a minimum of 10 sources that support and reinforce justification of the project.