

HPQ supervisor advice meeting 2: Developing a working title

Aims of the meeting:

- For the student to develop their thinking about their project working title.
- For the supervisor to interrogate the student's thinking about their project working title.
- To guide the student on their next steps.

In the meeting students should:

- ★ Talk you through their ideas for a project title and any background research they have completed so far.
- ★ Make notes on the advice that you give them.

The supervisor should:

- ★ Question the student about their proposed title, for example:
 - Why they have chosen that title.
 - What research they have done already that will help them.
 - What challenges their proposed question might present.
 - What terminology in their question means to them, for example, if they are looking at the "culture" of something, what do they mean by culture?
- ★ Discuss whether the proposed title is an appropriate breadth.
- ★ Encourage the student to consider whether the proposal for the project
 - Is one that the student is capable of investigating and researching within appropriate ethical or methodological guidelines.
 - There is one that the learner will be able to approach impartially and in a balanced way.
 - Will present difficulties understanding of themes and issues associated with the topic.
 - Is sustainable over a significant period of time.
 - Involves the development of new skills and a deeper understanding.
- ★ Discuss whether the students will present their findings through a written report or through creating an artefact. (If they opt for a written report, this will be 2000 words. If they opt for an artefact the report can be shorter - we will negotiate the length of the report with the student.)

At the end of the meeting it is really important that you ask your students to fill in the "Part A: Candidate proposal" as soon as they have decided on their working title. Once this section is complete they must email you so that you can complete their production log "Part B: Supervisor's comments on candidate proposals". Once this is done please advise the centre coordinator so that they can approve the title. ***This needs to be done so the student continues further with their research.***