

Programme in Education

RESEARCH INTEREST GUIDANCE SHEET

This section is intended to help you to formulate the *Research Interest* statement for applying for the AKU-IED PhD Programme in Education. We are looking for:

- a title of your proposed area of research interest
- a clear and reasonably well defined area of interest, including a rationale for why you think the work you wish to undertake is of importance
- a clear idea of the central focus or questions which the research is designed to examine. This may take various forms depending on the kind of research envisaged
- a brief reference to some of the literature that is related to the field of study is preferred, however, in case of contextual problems you may articulate your own experience of the phenomena to support the need for the study
- a basic outline of the research plan with some indication of the kind of data that you plan to collect and the possible methods of collecting, although your thinking in this area may be at a preliminary stage.

(Adapted with modifications from the Institute of Education, *Doctoral School Guidance Sheet*)