



OnLine DOCTORAL Training Workshop

The Methodology Chapter in a Doctorate Thesis

Research Design, Content and Structure

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PREAMBLE

As opposed to a Master's dissertation, a doctorate thesis is a considerably long academic paper that should describe the conducted research to academics inside and outside the field of study. A doctoral thesis is not only distinguished in terms of size but also in terms of the practical assumptions and the methodological philosophies governing the doctorate candidate's decisions. Lying at the heart of the thesis, the methodological chapter is a fertile ground for researchers to put theory into practice and concretize what the long review of literature has advocated. Simultaneously, doctorate thesis writers contextualize their study by adhering to the norms and matrices set by the common conventions of writing the thesis (research design, writing manuals, institution/ department guide, supervisor instructions, etc.) while keeping in mind the expectations of the panel of experts examining the thesis once submitted. Living up to the expectations of every party is a huge undertaking as PhD thesis writers are, in the first place, expected to write their methodological chapter in a way that effectively echoes the aims, research questions and hypotheses - if any - articulated earlier in the introductory pages of the thesis.

Undoubtedly, doctorate students are well-informed of the expression "submitted to the department of English in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the Master's degree in applied linguistics" that they once wrote on the front page of their MA dissertation. However, this time the requirements for Doctorate Degree in applied linguistics proved to be more strenuous. Particularly, the challenge lies in not abiding to the requirements of producing an extended essay, but also to the methodological assumptions suitable to the topic and context under study. Having a good command over these would facilitate the process of publishing to eventually fully fulfill the requirements of a doctorate degree.

OBJECTIVES

This workshop is intended for doctorate students, recently enrolled or already advanced in their project, from all disciplines of applied linguistics, literature, civilization and cultural studies nationwide. It is meant to tackle the following objectives.

- ✓ Acquaint doctorate students with the requirements of writing the methodology chapter.
- ✓ Reduce potential limitations in the research design and biases in their data.
- ✓ Bridge the gap between theory and practice in doctorate thesis writing.
- ✓ Offer a platform for networking and sharing experiences about doctorate thesis writing.
- ✓ Inform students of the areas of the ethical use of AI when conducting research.

THEMES

The workshop welcomes abstracts of maximum 300 words related, but not limited, to the following themes.

1. Describing and justifying the research design
2. Describing and justifying the choice of the sample
3. Reporting the data collection procedures during fieldwork
4. Achieving trustworthiness in research
5. Designing valid and reliable data collection tools
6. Describing and justifying procedures of data analysis
7. Addressing ethical issues
8. Using the academic register in writing a doctorate thesis
9. Feeding data into AI-powered tools

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 26th, 2025



Abstract submission
DEADLINE

November 2nd, 2025



Acceptance
notification

November 12-13th, 2025



The Workshop

SUBMISSION LINK

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