**Research Plan for Entrance Examination**

**Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University**

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| Name |  |
| Course you are applying for | Master’s Program | □Political Science |
| Doctoral Program | □Political Science |
| Research Supervisor’s name you wish to apply for | 1st Choice (**Mandatory**)： |
| 2nd Choice (**Mandatory**)： |
| 3rd Choice (**Mandatory**)： |

\* After admission, the research guidance system will consist of one main advisor and one or no sub-advisor, depending on the applicant's preference. Although there is no guarantee that the applicant will be supervised by the applicant's preference, a main advisor will be assigned based on the stated preferences. GSPS will separately ask the applicants who have passed the entrance examination if they wish to be assigned a sub advisor, and will decide whether or not to assign a sub advisor after consultation with the main advisor and other faculty members.

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**【Background, Reasons for application】**

Describe your past studies and academic interests (e.g., themes of your graduation/master's thesis), what else you have been working on, any special skills, experience or achievements, reasons for wishing to study and research at our Graduate School, your career path and career goals after completing the course, etc.

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**【Research Plan】**

**1. Title**

State the title of the research you intend to undertake at the present time.

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**2. Abstract**

Briefly describe your research; a concise version of the research question in 4. is acceptable.

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**3. Research Context**

Explain the background against which you will conduct your research. You should include a brief overview of the general research area of study within your proposed research falls (e.g., comparative politics, international relations, public administration, science communication, etc.), summarizing recent debates in the area and state the position of your proposed research. In doing so, you should also describe the relationship between your research and the research work (academic papers, books, conference presentations, etc.) of the 'Research Supervisors you wish to apply for' you have indicated above.

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**4. Research Questions**

State the main central aims and questions of your research. This should be verifiable by academic and scientific methods, and you should expect to be able to complete its verification within the duration of your master’s or doctoral program. For example, predictions or ideals about the future that cannot be verified, vague problems for which no question to be verified has been set, or verification methods that are not feasible are all inappropriate for a research question.

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**5. Research Methods**

Explain how you are going to conduct your research. Please be specific about whether it will be qualitative or quantitative, the timetable and process, accessibility, feasibility of the research, methods for analyzing the results, etc.

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**6. Academic originality of the research and other possible impacts on society in general**

Indicate what originality your proposed research has in the general research area to which it belongs and what other impact it could have on society in general.

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**7.** **Bibliography**

List several bibliographies that are most relevant work for your research topic.

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