Guidelines on writing a research proposal

The research proposal is an essential part of the application: it reflects your individual professional interest. Please consider the research proposal a first short presentation of yourself to the research community.

The content should focus on answering…

- Why is this particular project relevant to the topic of the learning sciences and that of reasoning and argumentation?
- How would this project benefit the existing research community?
- Why is this project a good investment of resources (time, money)?

When formulating the content…

- Be clear and concise about the topic you are interested in and how you plan to further explore it
- Give a brief description of the background of the subject (supported by academic literature)
- Make clear statements about the objectives and the intended methodology to achieve them
- Stick to the word limit requirement (max 500 words)
- In general, *specific* is much more appreciated than *general*

Avoid

- Broad and ambiguous descriptions of the topic and suggested project!
- Too general explanations/justifications
- Long sentences

Clear and concise presentations leave a very good impression. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you take your time and structure the content of you proposal in a logical manner, focusing only on what you find essential.