

Statement of Research Interest

Masters by thesis and PhD



Applicant's name:

Date:

The statement of research interest is used by the University for three main purposes:

- Demonstrate to the university that the applicant has given proper thought to a prospective research topic;
- Show that the applicant is up-to-speed with at least some of the contemporary literature on the topic and can identify a 'draft' research question(s);
- Help the University decide on potential supervisors.

The statement should be no more than 2000 words and it must be written in your own words.

If you have already prepared a draft research proposal, you may submit this as your statement, or describe below your proposed approach for the research, i.e. the steps you would follow to fulfil the research aim or test the research hypotheses:

<i>Title of Topic Area</i>
<i>Area of research interest to be studied (no more than 400 words)</i>
<i>Brief literature review (No more than 1000 words)</i>
<i>Possible research question and objectives (No more than 200 words)</i>
<i>Likely methodology (no more than 400 words)</i>
<i>References</i>

- Submission of a statement does not commit you or the University to undertake the proposed research. Your eventual research project will emerge as the result of negotiation between you and the research advisor(s).
- The statement is not the same as the formal research proposal you will produce for your thesis (although the statement may be helpful in developing the full proposal).
- You are strongly urged to discuss your research interests with an advisor before submitting your application. The advisor will be in a position to provide feedback on a draft of your statement.