

## SUMMARY OF RESEARCH INTENTIONS

To be submitted with the Application Form and attachments.

**NAME:** .....

### DEGREE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

Please tick:

MPhil      DMin      PhD      ThD

Indicate the broad outlines of your proposed thesis topic. Please provide sufficient information for the Research Committee to determine the general suitability of the topic for the degree and the availability of appropriate resources and supervision. You may wish to write about 500 words. In thinking about your 500 words coverage, you might like to adopt the following structure:

1. Title of thesis

(Provide a provisional title for your projected thesis that sums up what might be the overall focus of your research.)

2. Aim of thesis

(State in 150 words what is the overall purpose of your research and what you hope to accomplish through our investigation.)

3. Methodology of thesis

(State in 150 words what types of evidence you will be investigating in your thesis and the methodology/methodologies you might be using to understand the evidence. The latter can be a difficult task initially and you are most welcome to ask the Research Director for clarification and help.)

- For example, a Biblical study might use grammatical/historical exegesis, as well as sociological, historical, theological, feminist, literary, and post-colonial analyses.
- For example, a Church History study might use a primary source approach, concentrating on particular writings of the Church Fathers or documents of the Vatican councils, accompanied by theological, sociological, historical or Marxist analyses of the evidence.
- For example, a Theology study might adopt a 'biblical theology' approach involving elements of exegetical and doctrinal analysis; a 'historical theology' or 'dogmatic theology' approach might concentrate on the primary sources (original writings) of particular theologians or theological movements; a 'philosophical' theology approach might incorporate existentialist, post-modern, or scientific perspectives on an issue or doctrine, or approach the topic from the perspective of a particular philosophical thinker (e.g. Heidegger; Derrida; René Girard).
- For example, a pastoral study might employ clinical analysis based on secondary literature case-studies, or employ evidence gained by interview or conduct clinical analysis (requiring thereby clearance from the SCD Research Ethics Committee), accompanied by sociological, biblical and theological analyses.

4. Content of thesis

(State in 200 words what might be the general argument or structure of the thesis.)

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5. Sample Bibliography

(Include *at the end* of this Summary of Research Intentions a sample bibliography of 20-25 items, books and articles)

6. Name, institution, and contact details of proposed supervisor (if known at this time):

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**RELEVANT ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

Summary of academic qualifications, with institution and date:

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Any previous research in the proposed thesis area, e.g. for a Bachelor Honours thesis or a Master's

Research Essay:

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**OVERSEAS APPLICANTS**

Please note that the Application Form requires evidence of English Proficiency.

You will also need the appropriate visa for residence in Australia as an enrolled student.

Please provide details of the visa you have/will have:

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**Please forward this completed form together with your Application for Admission and attachments to:**

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