



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
PHD & MASTERS (THESIS) STUDENTS
STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Guidelines for applicants unable to submit via provided Word document template

Please complete the relevant areas of this Statement of Research Interest as indicated.

- If you are applying for an offer of place to study at Lincoln University after being preselected for a funded Research programme, then please note that in the body of the text and write nothing more.
- If you have already had discussions with a potential supervisor (not mandatory), and the research area has already been agreed/discussed, then just keep it brief.
- If you are looking to spark the interest of a potential supervisor, then please write a comprehensive assessable idea, using the template provided.

Please **DO NOT** submit a full proposal. If accepted to a postgraduate research programme at LU you will develop this with your supervisory team in the first few months of enrolment.

The document 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, noting word limits of specific sections (1000 words for Masters' students) and it must be written in your own words ¹.

Please note:

- The 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).
- If choosing to study within the *Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences* or the *Faculty of Environment, Society and Design*, 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. (The *Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce* do not require a student to do this prior to submitting this document.)

¹ *By submitting this statement you consent to Lincoln University checking that this has been written in your own words.



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Please include the following information on your Statement of Research Interest.
If this information is not provided, we may not be able to proceed with determining your eligibility to study at Lincoln University.

Applicant's name: (as this appears on your passport)

Date:

Proposed Faculty (if known):

- Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce
- Faculty of Environment, Society and Design
- Institute of Kāika Climate Resilience

Proposed Department (if known):

- Department of Agricultural Sciences
- Department of Pest-management and Conservation
- Department of Soil and Physical Sciences
- Department of Wine, Food and Molecular Biosciences
- Department of Financial and Business Systems
- Department of Agribusiness and Markets
- Department of Global Value Chains and Trade
- Department of Land Management and Systems
- Department of Environmental Management
- School of Landscape Architecture
- Centre for Geospatial and Computing Technologies
- Department of Tourism, Sport and Society

Proposed Supervisor:

Have you made contact with this supervisor? YES / NO

To find a suitable potential supervisor, please go to the Lincoln University Rakahau ki Aoraki | Research at Lincoln webpage: <https://researchers.lincoln.ac.nz/>

Funding:

- Scholarship recipient
- Self-funded
- Applying as preferred candidate for funded research project
- Seeking funding

If funded through a Scholarship or Research Project, please provide scholarship name or research project title.

Proposed Start Date: ASAP On or After

In proposing a start date, please take into account current wait times for visa processing.

Title of Topic Area

Area of research interest to be studied (no more than 400 words)

Brief literature review (no more than 1000 words)

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Possible research question and objectives (no more than 200 words)

Likely methodology (no more than 400 words)

References