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| Before you begin |

This document is intended to serve both as a Preliminary Thesis Proposal as part of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences’ doctoral admissions process, and develop into a Full Thesis Proposal as part of your Confirmation review. To change between the Preliminary and Full versions follow the instructions below. Please keep this document safe, and ensure that it is regularly backed-up.

**To Show/Hide Full Thesis Proposal sections: press Ctrl+Shift+T (PC) or ⌘ +Shift+T *(Mac)***

*Notes for the Preliminary Thesis Proposal for Doctoral Admission:*

You are strongly encouraged to prepare your preliminary thesis proposal in consultation with your supervisor(s) before submitting it to the Faculty Student Centre. Keep in mind that this proposal should provide clear evidence that the project involves original research and has the potential to generate a coherent body of work of doctoral quality.

* For qualitative research, there should be a clear explanation of the issues that inform the work and the methods by which the study will be progressed and the information processed.
* For hypothetico-deductive research, the proposal should clarify the hypothesis/hypotheses or research question(s) to be tested, and the methods by which this will be done.

Please note that **all** abbreviations must be defined.

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| Your Details |

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| Supervision |

***Please complete the fields that are relevant to you:***

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| Main/Joint Supervisor(s): |  |
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| Advisor(s): |  |

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| Title of Thesis |

***This may begin as a working title. Please note that changes to your title need to be registered in Wahapū.***

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| Introduction |

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| Hypothesis / Research Question |

***For the Preliminary Thesis Proposal, please indicate what question(s) or problem(s) your research is seeking to answer.***

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***For the Full Thesis Proposal, please indicate how the Hypothesis/Research Question has been refined during the course of your provisional year.***

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| Objectives |

***Please identify the Objectives for your proposal.***

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***For the Full Thesis Proposal, please comment on progress made towards your objectives:***

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| Methods |

***Please indicate how the objectives will be achieved, and the proposed timeframe.***

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***NOTE: Some Departments/Schools require additional information in this section, which can be appended. Please check with your supervisor to see if this is relevant to you.***

***For the Full Thesis Proposal, please indicate whether or not these methods have been developed or changed, and if so, how.***

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|  Outcomes |

***Please indicate the expected impact on theory and/or practice.***

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***For the Full Thesis Proposal, please indicate if your outcomes have developed or changed, and if so, how.***

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| Access and Resources |

***Please indicate any special requirements needed for completion of the proposal. For example, access to equipment, ethics approvals, Māori consultation, statistical or methodological assistance should be detailed here. Where statistical or methodological assistance is deemed significant, addition of a statistician or method specialist to the supervision team should be considered.***

***NOTE: Some Departments and Schools require additional information in this section for the Preliminary Thesis Proposal. This information can be appended. Please check with your supervisor/school graduate advisor to see if this is relevant to you.***

***Please indicate by checking this box that you have discussed this section with your supervisor:*** [ ]

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***Please confirm availability of resources and if anything additional is required.***

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| Application for UOA Doctoral scholarship |

***If you are applying for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, please detail how the award of a scholarship would meet the strategic goals of your School and the Faculty.***

***The FMHS assessment criteria for these scholarships can be found here: https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/fmhs/study-with-us/scholarships-and-awards/postgraduate-scholarships.html***

***Please check with your supervisor for guidance in the completion of this section. If you have an equity matter that you do not wish to disclose here, you can write directly to the Associate Dean Postgraduate in confidence.***

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| *Limit 300 words* |

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| Prescribed Provisional Goals |

Provisional goals are goals that the student must achieve by the end of the first doctoral year. These must be achieved in order to meet the requirements of the provisional year. The Provisional Goals as prescribed by the Board of Graduate Studies are:

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| 1. Full thesis proposal, normally completed within 6 months
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| 1. Completion of one substantial piece of written work within 12 months
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| 1. Presentation of research progress to a departmental seminar
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| 1. Approval of the full thesis proposal by the appropriate departmental/faculty postgraduate committee
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| 1. Ethics approval(s)/permissions obtained for the research (if required)
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| 1. Have attended one of the Doctoral Skills Programme’s Induction Days
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| 1. Successful completion of the Academic Integrity Module
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| 1. A needs analysis to determine training and other requirements
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| 1. Completion of a health and safety risk assessment and training for any laboratory/studio/field and related work activities.
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| 1. Have undertaken DELNA screening; should the DELNA diagnostic be advised following the screening, must undergo diagnostic and attend any language enrichment recommended by the Language Advisor
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**Please ✓ the check boxes as goals are completed. (✓)**

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| Project Specific Provisional Goals |

Please specify **two** project specific provisional goals **in addition to those listed above,** which you intend to achieve by the end of your provisional year. These, like the prescribed provisional goals, must be achieved in order to meet the requirements of the provisional year. These goals should be specifically related to your research.

**Please indicate satisfactory completion of results or complete explanation of unachieved goals.**

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| If No: | *please comment* |

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| \*required Project Specific Goal 2: |  |
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| Other optional goals: |  |
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