# Statement of Research Intent for Doctoral Study in the Faculty of Engineering, School of Architecture & Planning and Design Programme

This information is supplementary to your [Application to Study (ATS)](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/how-to-apply/postgraduate-admission/doctoral-applications.html) for Doctoral Study at the University of Auckland. You should provide sufficient information to assess your application for admission and scholarship consideration. This form is not intended to be a definitive statement of your research intentions: developing your research towards a full thesis proposal is a major task undertaken by doctoral candidates in their first year of study.

Please ensure your responses are brief and precise, expanding each field as required.

**Applicant details**

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| Name of applicant: |  |
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| Student ID (if known): |  |
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| School or Department/s in which proposed research will be conducted: |  |
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| Are you applying for a PhD with a Scholarly Creative Work component **(see p 4)** | *Please read the information on P4 before answering this question. If you intend to carry out a research PhD by thesis, then the answer to this question in most cases would be “No”. A Scholarly Creative Work refers to an exhibition, performance, design, etc, in conjunction with a written thesis and is more common in architecture and design PhDs. If you are unsure, please discuss it with your proposed supervisor.*  Yes/No |
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| Proposed supervisor/s:\* | 1. *Proposed supervisor/s: ………………………………* 2. *Has the proposed supervisor or supervisors agreed to supervise your doctoral study? Yes/No.* |
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\* Applicants can find academics who are accredited to undertake doctoral supervision on the University Website and are expected to contact potential supervisors. For more information, please see [Discovery profiles](https://profiles.auckland.ac.nz/). *Having a confirmed supervisor is not mandatory for application into the doctoral programmes. A Department Graduate Advisor will seek to find supervisors best able to support your area of research as described in this form,* but the application process may be delayed.

## Preliminary Research Proposal

**Provisional title of thesis or area of research interest**

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| *It is important that the title be as specific and precise as possible, noting that it can be changed when you develop the research proposal once admitted. The title should be brief and reflect the main question or potential argument of the proposed research. Unnecessary over-long or technical words should be avoided.* |

**Description of the proposed research**

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| *Description of the proposed research (maximum of 600 words). Include the rationale for the project, the main research questions or knowledge gaps to be addressed, and an indication of the intended methodology. Please clearly identify the focus and significance of your proposed research, including the intellectual hypothesis, position, problem or question(s) that drive the proposed research. This section should reference relevant examples of theory and/or practice that contextualize your research.* |

**Research question(s)**

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| *Describe the key research questions or knowledge gaps that your proposed research intends to address* |

**Research Methodology / Design**

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| *Identify the key method or methods relevant to addressing the research proposal and the research question(s) you have framed above.* |

**PhD - Including Scholarly Creative Work**

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| ***Complete this section ONLY if you wish to pursue the option of the PhD - Including Scholarly Creative Work***  *The University of Auckland offers the option of a PhD with a Scholarly Creative Work which includes the writing of up to 60,000 words. The PhD research undertaken, and the work submitted for examination in fulfilment of the PhD thesis requirement, must present an integrated as well as rigorous approach to the intellectual hypothesis, position, problem or question(s). Please carefully read the* [*PhD - Including Scholarly Creative Work Policy and Procedures.*](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about-us/about-the-university/policy-hub/research-innovation/doctoral-study/application-candidature-registration/phd-including-scholarly-creative-work-policy-procedures.html)  *Please describe: 1) How the scholarly creative practice, philosophical paradigms and critical theories will inform the research project; and 2) how the written document and examinable scholarly creative work will form an integrated and rigorous approach to the research topic.*  *Please discuss with your proposed supervisor and respond to all 5 points below:*  *1) Scope: Please provide a brief description of the type of creative work that you intend to submit for examination (such as a design, exhibition or artefact) at the conclusion of your research. Outline how the written document and examinable scholarly creative work will form an integrated and rigorous approach to the research topic.*  *2) Experienced Supervisor: Please name your relevant supervisor of your creative work here. At least one member of the supervisory team must have extensive professional experience in the relevant area of creative practice. Please note the supervisor details below, as well as their experience in the field related to the creative practice component.*  *3) Resource: Please detail how you intend the scholarly creative work to be undertaken and resourced.*  *4) Examination: Please explain when examination of the creative component will be undertaken (prior to or following the initial thesis submission). If a candidate is to have an aspect of their creative component examined prior to the initial thesis submission, it must be noted here, as it will permit the School of Graduate Studies adequate time to receive and process the nomination of examiners outside of the standard processing schedule. Will the creative work need to be examined in-person, or will it be included within the bound thesis submission?*  *5) Confirmation Milestones: The PhD - Including Scholarly Creative Work Policy and Procedures requires the establishment of one or more confirmation milestone(s) pertaining to the progress of creative practice research (for candidates presenting scholarly creative work as part of the thesis requirement for the PhD).* *As per the* [*Doctoral Confirmation of Candidature Policy and Procedures*](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about-us/about-the-university/policy-hub/research-innovation/doctoral-study/application-candidature-registration/doctoral-confirmation-candidature-policy-procedures.html)*: “Confirmation milestones are the activities that a candidate must complete, to the satisfaction of the named party or at the required standard, in order to be confirmed in their doctoral programme.” As per Clause 27 of the* [*PhD Statute*](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about-us/about-the-university/policy-hub/research-innovation/doctoral-study/phd-statutes/phd-statute.html)*: “Candidature is provisional until confirmed, and is subject to the confirmation of candidature policy and procedures, the continuation of confirmed candidature policy and procedures, and the candidature intervention policy and procedures.”*  *Please expand this box and list your creative practice milestone(s) below.* |

**Doctoral Scholarship Information**

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| * *A limited number of* [*University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships*](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/scholarships-and-awards/scholarship-types/postgraduate-scholarships/doctoral-scholarships.html) *are available to support your studies.* ***You are strongly advised to read the scholarship regulations and ensure that you understand the implications before choosing to be considered for a scholarship.*** * *If you choose to be considered for a scholarship, then your* ***application for admission to the PhD programme*** *can only be considered at one of 4 specific times per year. If your scholarship application is successful, then you can only begin your studies on specific dates. Closing dates and other information on the Scholarships can be found* [*here*](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/scholarships-and-awards/scholarship-types/postgraduate-scholarships/doctoral-scholarships.html)*.* * *Having a confirmed supervisor* ***is mandatory if you would like to be considered for the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships****. Supervisor involvement in developing the Statement of Research Intent is strongly advised. Contact your proposed supervisor(s) well in advance of the closing date for applications.* * *You* ***must*** *get an endorsement of the Statement of Research Intent from your proposed supervisor if you wish to be considered for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship.*      * *In addition to endorsing the Statement of Research Intent, supervisors* ***must*** *provide further information on the* ***Supervisor Statement template*** *before the closing date for scholarship applications.* ***Applicants are asked to remind their proposed supervisor(s) to provide this information by the closing date.*** *Supervisors can contact the doctoral adviser in their academic unit for more information.* * ***Assessment for University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships is based on a number of criteria as described*** [***HERE***](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/engineering/study-with-us/scholarships-and-awards/postgraduate-scholarships/Funding_your_doctoral_study_at_the_Faculty_of_Engineering.html)***.*** |

**Choose one of the following options**

☐ I wish to be considered for the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship

☐ I / Supervisors have already arranged other funding (e.g. CSC, Marsden, MBIE), and I wish to be considered for admission only.

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| *If you have chosen to be considered for a UOADS Scholarship, please explain briefly how the proposed research aligns with the University / Faculty Strategic Priorities described* [*here*](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/engineering/study-with-us/scholarships-and-awards/postgraduate-scholarships/Funding_your_doctoral_study_at_the_Faculty_of_Engineering.html)*.* |

***IMPORTANT:*** *When completed, please upload this information into your* [Application to Study (ATS)](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/how-to-apply/postgraduate-admission/doctoral-applications.html) portal*.*