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| **A logo for a university  Description automatically generatedLINCOLN UNIVERSITY**  **PHD & MASTERS (THESIS) STUDENTS**  **STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTEREST** |

**Applicant’s name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

(as this appears on your passport)

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Proposed Faculty:** Choose an item.

**Proposed Department:** Choose an item.

**Proposed Supervisor:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**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: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Proposed Start Date:** ASAP  On or after Click or tap to enter a date.

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

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]](#footnote-1).

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| *Title of Topic Area:*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Area of research interest to be studied (no more than 400 words)*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| ***PHD APPLICANTS ONLY***  *Brief literature review (No more than 1000 words)*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Possible research question and objectives (no more than 200 words)*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Likely methodology (no more than 400 words)*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *References*  Click or tap here to enter text. |

**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 submitted this document.)

1. \*By submitting this statement you consent to Lincoln University checking that this has been written in your own words. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)