



STATEMENTS OF RESEARCH INTERESTS

FOR HONS, MPHIL AND PHD APPLICATIONS

The structure and content of your statement or of research interests should be appropriate to your research area and topic. Below is a typical format for a Statement of Research Interests as part of a PhD, MPhil or Hons application to the Faculty:

Title Block

(Title Block on the top of the 1st page)

Title of the research statement

Name

Submitted for ... (discipline area and name of degree)

Faculty of Architecture, The University of Sydney

Requested Supervisor:

Requested Associate Supervisor (if known):

Date of submission:

Abstract

A brief summary of the purpose of the research, overview of what is known from the research literature, research question(s) to be addressed, and brief overview of the methodological approach being suggested, ending with the expected significance of the research. 100-300 words

Related Research Literature

Embedding your research into the existing research literature in the discipline and on your topic. A brief review of previous research in this domain leading to identification of gaps in existing knowledge on the topic, including, if appropriate, some mention of the theory or theories that could underlie the research topic and brief mention and critique of the methods of research used on this topic in the past.

Research Questions

Flowing from the current literature in the field, a suggestion of the research questions that might be investigated, ie, gaps in current knowledge turned into researchable questions.

Research Methodology and Plan

The how of the research. What general mode of research you think might be most appropriate for this topic. Some idea of the tentative plan for the research. Any ideas you might have about how to establish and assure reliability, validity and trustworthiness in the research. Maybe also including some tentative idea of type of information or evidence you would need to collect, and how you might analyse it.

References

Include a short list, in standard bibliographic format, of research works directly cited in the statement.

Recommended Length

1,500-2,000 words, ie, 3-4 pages including illustrations if any and references.