



PhD in Information Statement of Research Form

Overview

You are being asked to describe your potential research interests / intended area of focus, research capacity, and potential supervisor (s). Once you have completed your form, please discuss this with your proposed supervisor (s) and have them sign the form at the end, indicating that they have reviewed the document, and are willing to be a supervisor. You will also need to sign the form. Upload this signed form as part of your application materials. **Your application will not be considered complete without this form.**

Research Interest

Applicant Details

Applicant's Name	
Working Title of Research Proposal	
Proposed Supervisor(s) Names and Affiliations	
Date	

1.0 Research Interests

1.1 Describe your academic background and positionality (i.e. understanding of how your own personal identities and social locations shape your perspectives, knowledge, and interactions with the world).

1.2 Define your central research questions, themes or focus areas

1.3 Briefly explain why this research matters, e.g. social relevance, policy impact, gap in knowledge. Who benefits and why now?

1.4 Describe your proposed methodology, frameworks or theories related to your research, include citations as needed.

2.0 Research Experience: Briefly describe your research potential and existing capacity as demonstrated through previous research, training, mentorship, volunteer / community service, and work experience. How have these experiences or questions led you toward this PhD program. Highlight significant contributions.

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3.0 Alignment and Impact: Briefly address how your research aligns with the Faculty of Management, program, or proposed supervisor’s interests.

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4.0 Long-Term Goals: State what you hope to do with the PhD: academic career, applied research, public policy, advocacy, teaching, etc. Highlight how the program will help you get there.

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5.0 Any Other Information Relevant to your Application: Overcoming challenges that shaped your academic journey. Areas of your work or previous academic programs that might be helpful for the review committee to know.

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Citations (if needed)

Supervisor's Commitment

- ☐ *I have read the applicant's proposed research and consider it aligned with my expertise and research interests.*
- ☐ *I confirm that I am willing to supervise this applicant should they be admitted to the PhD program.*
- ☐ *I am also providing a letter as one of the applicant's required references (if relevant)*

Name: _____ **Affiliation:** _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Applicant's Declaration

By signing this form, I confirm the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____