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| **Notes to the applicant:*** If your application progresses, you may be asked to submit a more detailed Statement of Research Intent.
* Applicants should note that students are expected to submit their thesis after 3-4 years full-time study (6-8 years part-time).
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**Your details**

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| Department/s (if known): |  |
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| Proposed supervisor/s (if known):\* |  |
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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/).Those unable to do so will be supported, but the application process may be delayed. If no appropriate supervisor can be identified, the application will be declined. |

**Area of research interest**

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

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**Objective of the research:**

Give a short abstract of your research, clearly explaining what it seeks to achieve (max 350 words).

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**Significance and contribution to existing literature:**

Use this section to explain the contribution your research will make to the existing literature. Please include a brief background on the current state of the literature, the possible gap your research identifies, and the significance of addressing this gap. (max 500 words).

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**Research question:**

Articulate the main question that your proposed research seeks to answer (approximately 1 paragraph).

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**Subsidiary questions:**

Elaborate any subsidiary questions you would need to answer in order to answer the principal Research Question (above). If you have no subsidiary questions, leave this space blank (approximately 1 paragraph).

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**Methodology and theoretical foundations:**

Explain how you plan to go about answering your research question. Identify the field(s) of study you will engage and the area(s) of literature you plan to consult (max 500 words).

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**Key works/bibliography:**

List a bibliography of works which inform this Statement of Research Intent

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**Your research background**

Describe your past experience in legal and scholarly research (max 300 words).

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**University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship**

There are various university scholarships that are available to students. Information on these scholarships can be found on the Faculty’s website. These include scholarships awarded by the Dean of Graduate Studies to eligible Māori and Pacific students under the University’s Doctoral Scholarship scheme, and the two Coote Scholarships the Law School awards annually. Consideration for these scholarships is automatic and does not require a further application.

Each year, the Faculty of Law will award one additional scholarship to a student whose application best serves the strategic aims of the Faculty. These strategic aims include:

* Promoting PhD research on consequential practical or theoretical problems in law;
* Supporting excellent PhD students and their research aspirations;
* Supporting Māori and Pacific PhD students;
* Supporting PhD students from equity groups.

You can find more information at [Doctoral study in Law](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/find-a-study-option/law/doctoral.html).

If you would like to be considered for this Scholarship, please explain below how your application serves one or more of these aims (max 300 words).

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