

IMPORTANT: To be completed by only those students entering a School of Environment Masters Thesis. Please contact and discuss your research prior to completing this form. See our web page [Postgraduate research opportunities](#) for areas of research and a list of supervisors. Please complete this form and upload the completed form to your Application for Admissions.

Note: 240 point (2 year) Masters applicants do not need to submit this form with their application.

First Name:

Family Name:

E-mail:

ID Number:

Programme:

Specialisation:

Start Term:

Full-time Status:

Research Statement (100 words maximum): A full proposal is also required within 3 months of enrolment, see overleaf for further details.

Supervisor (print name):

Co-Supervisor (optional):

Supervisor Signature:

Or email
attached

Co -Supervisor Signature:

Or email
attached

Declaration by student:

I agree to abide by all University of Auckland regulations and requirements.

I agree to complete a PD3B form with detailed budget and technical logistics within one month of enrolment to receive access to funding.

I understand that I may not be allocated a supervisor of my preference due to changes in staff circumstances and availability.

Student Signature:

Date:

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Declaration by nominated supervisor: I approve of the research topic and am willing to take primary supervision of this student.

PG Advisor:

Signature:

Proposal Specifications

Research proposals should incorporate the following:

- a) **Name of Supervisor/s**
- b) **Title & Abstract:** The abstract should be a stand-alone synopsis of your proposed project and include a summary of expected results (note: include your name on this page).
- c) **Introduction:** A short statement setting the context for the research, why it is needed or useful, and to whom, in particular.
- d) **Literature Review:** This provides the intellectual context for your study. Convince the reader that you know what you are getting into! NB: this should be 'critical' in the sense that you are looking out for things that don't fit, or need further attention.
- e) **Objectives:** An annotated list of the specific objectives of your research. These may be fairly modest in number. Think of it as a contract: you need to identify enough outcomes to make your efforts seem worthwhile, but not too many so that you cannot achieve them.
- f) **Methodology:** A discussion of the overall research design to address your objectives. In particular, why you propose to use a certain approach and associated techniques. In each case, these should be related to the characteristics of the data being used, and justified in the following terms:
 - I. **Data collection techniques:** Describe and justify the methods you propose to use in data collection; including field, survey, archival and secondary sources, as appropriate.
 - II. **Analytical techniques:** Describe the analysis to be undertaken (either quantitative or qualitative, or whatever).
 - III. **Justification:** You should offer some justification for the specific site, sample and/or study area.
- g) **Logistics:** Identify any issues you anticipate in respect to obtaining data, access to sites, etc. These may be quite important.
- h) **Ethics:** What ethical considerations are necessary in regard to data collection, handling, analysis or presentation; or site access?

References: An appropriate list of references, using a recognized system.