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|  | **Swinburne Research**  Research Proposal Template |

In 2025, all research applications are required to submit research proposal and get endorsement from their supervisors for their proposed projects. Applicants with a completed Research Proposal form (with the approval from supervisors) would be eligible to submit an application for candidature/scholarship. The process includes two stages:

1. **Research Proposal form:** Applicants are asked to discuss their proposed research with their nominated supervisor and complete this form highlighting the proposed research and its strategic alignment to [Swinburne’s strategy and ecosystem](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/research/#:~:text=Swinburne%20Research%20Strategy%202025%20In%20pursuit%20of%20our,of%20collaboration%2C%20co-creation%20and%20a%20unique%20whole-of-system%20approach.).
2. **Candidature/ scholarship application**: Only eligible applicants endorsed by the supervisor can submit their candidature/scholarship application.

**SECTION A. Candidate information**

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| Family name: |  |
| Given name(s): |  |
| Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs, Miss): |  |
| Student ID (if applicable): |  |
| Email: |  |
| Local\* or international student: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |
| \* Local student – Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, Australian Permanent Resident | |
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**SECTION B. Research proposal**

HDR candidates and their research make a valuable contribution to the research ecosystem. It is expected that research projects are aligned to [Swinburne’s strategy and ecosystem](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/research/#:~:text=Swinburne%20Research%20Strategy%202025%20In%20pursuit%20of%20our,of%20collaboration%2C%20co-creation%20and%20a%20unique%20whole-of-system%20approach.) and have a positive impact on University research. Projects must be aligned to the expertise of the supervision team.

**Research title:**

**Research proposal (up to 4 pages in length):**

*The research proposal is a key component of the assessment of your application.*

*Your research proposal should include:*

* *A brief overview of current literature that outlines the context of the research project.*
* *The anticipated contribution to knowledge. This could include research questions, objectives, aims or hypotheses.*
* *The methodology or approach that will be taken. Please include details of any equipment, facilities, databases or other significant resources that will be required. (This is needed to assess the feasibility of the project and confirm that the necessary resourcing is available)*
* *A timeline or plan that demonstrates that it is feasible to complete the project within 3 years (Doctoral students) or 1.5 years (Master by Research students).*

*Please note that if the proposed research project is related to any of the critical technologies listed by the Australian Government’s* [*Critical Technologies Policy Coordination Office*](https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/list-critical-technologies-national-interest) *there may be restrictions on applicants that can be supported. Please ensure that you discuss any concerns with your nominated Principal Supervisor.*

*A note on sanctioned countries: if you live in/are from a sanctioned country* [*Australian Autonomous Sanctions and the United Nations Sanctions*](https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/what-you-need-know-0)*, please apply early to allow for your application to be reviewed with respect to applicable sanctions.*

**SECTION C. Supervisor information**(Principal Supervisor to complete)

Please note that supervisor-supervisor and supervisor-candidate [conflicts of interest](https://www.acgr.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ACGR-Guidelines-for-Disclosing-and-Managing-Interests-in-Graduate-Research-updated.pdf) should be avoided. Please discuss with your ADR if you have any questions.

The Principal Supervisor and at least one Co-Supervisor must be Swinburne staff accredited as supervisors. Supervisors must have demonstrated expertise relevant to the project and capacity within their supervisory loads.

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| PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR (Swinburne) | |
| Name: |  |
| Title, e.g. Prof. Dr: |  |
| Email: |  |
| School: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |
| CO-SUPERVISOR (Swinburne) | |
| Name: |  |
| Title, e.g. Prof. Dr: |  |
| Email: |  |
| School: |  |

**SECTION D. Contribution to Swinburne Research Strategy and Ecosystem**(Principal Supervisor to complete)

The Principal Supervisor is asked to complete this section, then sign above to indicate their support for the candidate’s research and to endorse the candidate as their preferred candidate.

***MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:*** *Please indicate which of these areas the research is aligned to (can be more than one) and provide a brief explanation of the alignment below.*

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| **RESEARCH AREAS AND PLATFORMS** | **ALIGNED** |
| Space and Aerospace |  |
| MedTech and Health Innovation |  |
| Innovative Planet |  |
| Innovative Society |  |
| Digital Research |  |
| Manufacturing Futures |  |
| Other area of strategic value (please discuss with ADR) |  |

***MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:*** *Please provide a brief explanation of alignment with* [*Swinburne Research Strategy and Ecosystem*](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/research/#:~:text=Swinburne%20Research%20Strategy%202025%20In%20pursuit%20of%20our,of%20collaboration%2C%20co-creation%20and%20a%20unique%20whole-of-system%20approach.) *articulating the strategic alignment or value of the research. There should be clear links to one or more flagship research areas and/or platforms in the research ecosystem. The explanation may be around half a page in length.*

**When all sections of this form are completed, the candidate should upload this form when submitting online application.**