**Template for History MA Research Proposal**

Proposed Title of thesis

Proposed Start Date

Name of Student

Student ID # [if known]

Student’s email address

Full-time/Part-time

On-campus/Distance

Staff Consultation: [give names of any Otago academic staff you may have consulted]

# Description of Project

[maximum two pages. A general statement explaining what your thesis is about, proposed research questions and methodology. This should include a discussion of your understanding of the current literature on the topic and how you think your project will be situated within the historiography]

# Primary Resources

[maximum one page. A list of the primary resources you intend to use for the project, indicating where they are held. If there are particular issues about access, please note these (for example, if they have to be interloaned; if they are only available out of Dunedin).]

# Secondary Literature

[maximum one page. A list of key works you will be engaging with during your project. This is not intended to be a full bibliography of works you intend to read. Restrict yourself to major pieces that have influenced your thinking on the topic.]

# Timetable

[an indication of writing and research goals during the first 6 months of your enrolment]

Language Ability

[set out the nature of any language training you have had, and its relation to the type of source material to be used in your project].

# Ethics Approval

[indicate whether ethics approval will be required. For guidance see Human Ethics Committees: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/council/committees/committees/HumanEthicsCommittees.html>]

Māori Consultation

[indicate whether consultation with Māori communities or institutions are required and how you will go about this. For guidance see Research Consultation with Māori: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/research/maoriconsultation/>]

Please provide the following documents in support of your application.

* an up-to-date academic curriculum vitae;
* a copy of your academic transcript;
* a list of 2 referees (including relationship and contact emails);
* a sample chapter from your most recent thesis.

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