**Template for History PhD 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

[3-5 pages. A general statement explaining what your project is about, proposed research questions and methodologies. This should include a discussion of your understanding of the current literature on the topic, how you think your project will be situated within the historiography, and the original contribution you hope to make through your research]

# Primary Resources

[1 page. A list of the major 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

[1 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.]

# Goals

[an indication of writing and research goals during the first 12 months of enrolment. This may take the form of a timetable]

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 2-3 referees (including relationship and contact emails);
* a sample chapter from your most recent thesis;
* a resources and proposed research costing outline (a template is provided here: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/history/study/otago040580.html>)

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