

Master of Design

School of Industrial Design
Carleton University

Milestone 1 - Statement of Study Interest

This statement is a short document indicating your area of research interest which you identify in the Fall term of your first year in the Master of Design program.

The statement must include 1) your research objective and question; 2) a short description on this area of interest; 3) five key references to support this description and referenced in the description; 4) a schedule of your research plan; 5) ethical considerations; and 6) key risks or contingencies that may impact your ability to follow through with your research plan.

The research topic must be aligned with the research areas of your supervisor so they can better support you throughout the study. You should also work with your supervisor to identify a co-supervisor to support the interdisciplinary expertise the proposed study requires.

The statement should not exceed 500 words. Please use the template provided below and submit this document to the MDes Brightspace submission link and email the document to your external co-supervisor by the end of the Fall exam period, **December 23rd, 2021**.

Student Name	
SID Supervisor (if known)	
Co-supervisor & Affiliation (if known)	
Date	

You can use short notes or bullet points in sections 4-6.

1. Research question

This should be a simple sentence outlining the key focus of the research (e.g., 'A study to investigate differences between young and older users of smartphones.').

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2. Area of interest

Summarize your research focus in 500 words including the major aims of your project, key literature you have already sourced, where you intend to run the project, any details of participants, methods you expect to use, and what you might expect to find or guidance produced benefits from your work.

3. Key references

Fully reference the up to 5 key sources you have referred to in section 2 (APA style)

4. Schedule

Present the brief schedule of your research plan and time frame (you can use bullet points or include a separate Gantt chart)

5. Ethics

Describe the key ethics considerations and/or potential issues associated with your research (e.g., working with children, participant confidentiality, etc.).

6. Risks/contingencies

What do you consider to be the top three risks to your research? What could be the impact of these risks and how might you mitigate against them happening or what alternative strategies might you consider?