



RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Name:		Email:	
Student ID:		Field	Choose Field
Are you completing a specialization?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	African Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latin American and Caribbean Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cyber Security
Check the appropriate box to indicate which proposal you are completing			
<input type="checkbox"/>	INAF 5906 – MA/JD Research Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	INAF 5908 – MA Research Essay
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	INAF 5909 – MA Research Thesis

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:

Before you can submit a research proposal for review and approval by the MA Associate Director, students must identify a full-time NPSIA faculty member who has agreed (in principle) to supervise the research. Once you have received agreement from a faculty member to supervise you, you can submit a proposal.

Your completed proposal will be reviewed by two faculty members:

1. The MA Associate Director will review it for completeness and overall quality and suitability of focus for NPSIA’s MA program.
2. Your Supervisor is responsible for reviewing and approving the proposal in detail, and making suggestions for changes and improvement.

Once both have approved the proposal, you will be permitted to register in the research essay or thesis course.

You signature below indicates that you understand and accept these guidelines and have chosen to undertake the degree by research essay/thesis option.

Student Signature:		Date	
Supervisor Signature:		Date	

Completed proposals are to be returned electronically by March 1st to: International.affairs@carleton.ca as a PDF attachment.

Name of Faculty member who has agreed to Supervise this research: NB: MA/JD Students must have a supervisor from NPISA and from U of O. Students in African Studies and LACS must have a supervisor from the specialization as well as from NPSIA.	Supervisor:
	Additional Supervisor for MA/JD and Specializations:
Indicate whether you have taken a course with your proposed supervisor(s) If yes, indicate which course(s)	
Advisor(s)/Second Readers: (list possible advisors and indicate if you have spoken with them)	1.
	2.
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The following items will be completed in a separate document and attached to this form once completed:

1. TENTATIVE TITLE
2. PROBLEM AND QUESTION. Describe the problem/puzzle/issue you are investigating, its relevance, and identify the research question or hypothesis you will be analyzing.
3. RELATED RESEARCH. List some principal sources and summarize their basic arguments as they relate to the above problems.
4. BASIC APPROACH. Describe what you plan to do in your research and how you plan to do it, i.e. the methods you will employ to collect and analyze information and evaluate your research question or hypothesis.
5. TENTATIVE CHAPTER TITLES

Notes:

- As this is a proposal, there are no page minimums or maximums. Typical proposals are 4-6 pages in length. You should discuss length expectations with your proposed supervisor.
- Your proposed supervisor(s) must agree to supervise before you submit your proposal. It would be ideal if your supervisor reviewed your proposal prior to its submission. If your supervisor has not reviewed the proposal, they must agree in principle to supervise pending review of final proposal.