Higher Degree by Research Enquiry

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| **Student name:** |  |
| **Previous qualifications:** |  |
| **The program you hope to study:** |  |
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| **Contact email:** |  |
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Applicants for enrolment in a PhD program with Whitley College must do so within the Regulations of the University of Divinity, Melbourne. No student may be enrolled unless they can show evidence of having achieved a grade of at least 75% in a research essay of at least 12,000 words in addition to an overall grade of 75% in one of several qualifying awards (for a current list of qualifying awards, please consult the School of Graduate Research web pages at <https://divinity.edu.au/sgr/future-research-students/>

**NB. Please attach evidence of your meeting this requirement when you submit this Enquiry. No Enquiry will be progressed without proof of achievement at this level.**

Please use the following recommended categories for explaining in a little more detail, the focus and scope for your intended HDR dissertation. The typical length for this initial proposal is two to three pages. Please address as clearly and as concisely as possible, the following categories:

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| a. What is the draft title for your proposed research dissertation? |
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| b. Please provide a short statement that explains your personal interest in, reason for, or previous study in this area of theological research. |
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| c. Please outline a concise and clear research question or thesis statement. |
| Relate this to the process you have been engaged in and the objective towards which you;ve been working. Frame the objective as a question. |

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| d. Please describe how you intend to answer your own research question or prove your thesis statement. This would include reference to your research method(s), an explanation of the originality of your proposed research, might indicate the likely chapter structure. (Recognising that this is likely to be tentative and draft at this stage.) |
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| e. Include an indicative bibliography of 20 to 30 key texts or resources that are of most relevance to your intended research (books, journal articles, archival items, etc.). |
| Reading list. |

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| f. Have any potential PhD supervisors expressed an interest in supervising your progamme? This does not necessarily need to be a faculty member at Whitley College, although all potential supervisor must meet the necessary criteria for appointment as a PhD supervisor by the University of Divinity. |
| Names of potential PhD supervisors (Please include URL for a faculty webpage or research website, OR an email contact for them) |