



Ph D Thesis Proposal

The Asia Research Centre encourages applications from potential doctoral students. .

As a first step, prospective students should acquaint themselves with staff expertise outlined on this web site. This should give some indication of whether or not the topic being proposed falls within the range of interests and capacities of the Centre.

If this looks to be the case, prospective applicants should address the thesis proposal structure laid out below. Potential students are required to submit a thesis proposal (no more than 8 pages) in keeping with the headings outlined in the following PDF document entitled 'PhD Thesis Proposal' (PDF document link here).

Please e-mail the proposals to the Director of the Asia Research Centre, Professor Garry Rodan, at (G.Rodan@murdoch.edu.au) with a copy to the Centre's Administrative Officer, Mrs Tamara Dent (T.Dent@murdoch.edu.au).

1. Research Question:

Provide a concise statement of the central question or hypothesis that your thesis is intended to test or analyse. What is it that you expect to answer or reveal at the end of your thesis?

2. Significance

What is the significance of your research question or hypothesis for your area of research? What makes this question or problem important and what is original about the projected work?

3. Relevant Literature

What is the current state of research in relation to your research problem and/or hypothesis? In what ways are you building and advancing beyond the current research? You need to mention how and why the existing literature fails to adequately deal with your research problem? This section should make clear *how the literature relates to your research objectives*.

4. Approach and Method

How do you propose to approach the testing of your hypothesis or the investigation of your research problem?
