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| **GRADUATE SCHOOL** | | |
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| **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MPhil/PhD STUDY** | | |
| Please return by email or post to John Howard, Research Office Administrator, Graduate School,  Dwyer Building, Room DW120, Birmingham Newman University, Genners Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham B32 3NT  (Email: john.howard@staff.newman.ac.uk)  Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS or type. It is strongly recommended that you read the Advice at the end of this document before completing your proposal section. | | |
| **PERSONAL DETAILS** |  | |
| Surname/Family name: |  | First/given names: |
| Previous surname/Family name (if applicable): |  | Title (Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, etc): |
| Date of birth: | | Present nationality: |
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| **ADDRESSES** | | |
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| Are you applying to read for a PhD or an MPhil [select ONE]? PhD MPhil |
| Do you wish to study on a full-time or a part-time basis? Full-time Part-time |
| Please indicate below how your studies are to be funded: |
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| When do you wish to begin your research (month [Oct, Feb or June] and year)? |
| Have you already made contact with a potential supervisor at Birmingham Newman? YES NO  If YES: please give the name and subject area of this person: |
| Please provide a sentence briefly indicating the area of your proposed research topic: |

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| **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS** | | | |
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| **Other Studies / Training / Work or Other Relevant Experience / Skills**  Please provide details of any qualifications, skills or experience you consider relevant. |
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| **ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE** | | |
| Students educated outside the UK in countries where English is not the first language must provide, before they can be admitted to their chosen degree programme, evidence that they have sufficient command of both spoken and written English. Acceptable evidence includes:  GCSE/O-level English Language at grade C or above;  A pass in the DUMB test for overseas students or the equivalent examination set by other examining bodies;  A minimum score of 6.5 in the British Council/Cambridge English Language Testing Service (IELTS) Test, with a minimum score of 4.0 in the Test of Written English (TWE);  A minimum score of 600 (250 computer score) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). | | |
| a) Is English your first language? YES NO | | |
| b) Is/was English the language of instruction of your first degree? YES NO  If yes, please provide written confirmation from the institution where you undertook your studies, that English was the language of instruction. | | |
| c) Please list any formal English Language qualifications with results obtained (i.e. IELTS, TOEFL, GCE, GCSE) and the dates you took the test, or will be taking the test. | | |
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| **EMPLOYMENT DETAILS / OTHER EXPERIENCE** | | | |
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| **RESEARCH SYNOPSIS**  Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Indicate here if you have done this. | |
| **Name of**  **Applicant** |  |
| **Title of Project** |  |
| **PROPOSAL SYNOPSIS**  You are asked to submit a research synopsis of approximately 500 words after consulting the advice at the end of this document. | |
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| **PERSONAL STATEMENT**  Please indicate your reasons for choosing Birmingham Newman University. |
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| **DECLARATION** | |
| I confirm that the information given on this form is true, complete and accurate and no information requested or other material information has been omitted. | |
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**Advice on writing a research synopsis**

Within your application, it is important to include sufficient information in your research synopsis section, such as:

* **Provisional title**
* **Outline**Provide a short overview of what you consider to be the key elements of your proposed research and why you wish to pursue this particular inquiry.
* **Positioning of the research**Using the most important texts related to the research, state the research issues or questions, and identify existing gaps (theoretical and/or practical) that the research is intended to address.