# Research Proposal Template

**76040: Your proposal should be around (but no more than) 4 pages single spaced. 77740: Your proposal should be around (but no more than) 2 pages single spaced.**

*4 pages single spaced, referenced in AGLC 4 [delete this]*

# Proposed Title:

**What is your proposed topic/research question?**

*Phrase this as a question. This helps to identify and to narrow down your topic. [delete this]*

# Why is this topic important?

*Explain why this topic matters? What makes it a topic worth writing about? This could include* a short background as to how the ‘problem’ arose. [delete this].

# What is your proposed method?

*How are you going to go about answering your thesis question? Will this be a doctrinal analysis* that focuses on a specific area of law? Or will it require a particular conceptual and/or theoretical approach or framework? Or, is it a work of theory or jurisprudence? Or might it perhaps involve an empirical (qualitative or quantitative) analysis of cases or other documentary sources? Whatever approach you might take, outline it here. [delete this]

# Review the main literature in the area

*Here we are looking for a short literature review which discusses the main literature with which* your thesis will be in dialogue. This would include literature relevant to both the substantive topic area (eg directors’ duties or utilitarianism) as well as literature relating to any particular conceptual and/or theoretical approach (if any) you might choose (eg ecofeminism). Explain how your topic fits with this literature. What will your thesis add to the literature? Think of it as adding to an academic conversation. What are you adding to that conversation?What is your niche, your addition to the scholarly work in this area?

*This should be written as text, referenced in AGLC 4 and should be the most substantial part* of the proposal. [delete this]

# Provide a tentative outline of your thesis sections

*Set out a proposed structure. This might include the sub-topics or questions you will need to* examine in order to answer your main thesis question. [delete this]