

-FORM A-**PRELIMINARY THESIS PROPOSAL AND COMMITTEE REQUEST LIST****DUE MAY 15****PHD YEAR 1 / PHD U YEAR 2****GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH****UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

Student's Name	
Student's Research Area (choose one from among the department's list of Research Areas)	
Student's Major and Minor Fields (the major field may be the same as the research area – e.g. Early Modern Literature [major], Gender and Sexuality Studies [minor] – or may be more specific than and comfortably fit within the research area – e.g. Twentieth-Century American Literature [major], Twentieth-Century Canadian Literature [minor])	
Proposed Title of Thesis	
Proposed Supervisor	

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Proposed Supervisor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Notes on Preparing the Preliminary Thesis Proposal

The Preliminary Thesis Proposal is a document intended to get you started on the major research project that you envisage for your doctoral thesis. It is, as its title suggests, *preliminary*: the position paper component of the Special Fields Exam will provide the opportunity for revision and expansion.

You should feel free, if it in fact reflects your most current thinking about your topic, to use your plan of study from your SSHRC or OGS proposal for this preliminary thesis proposal. Otherwise, the proposal should be approximately 1-2 single-spaced pages long. Describe the specific area of research you intend to undertake and the substantive questions you intend to investigate in the thesis. State clearly and as specifically as possible the scope and method of the inquiry as well as the relationship of the topic to present scholarship in the field. Submit the proposal in succinct and clear prose, not in point or outline form.

Names of members of the graduate faculty with whom you have consulted about this proposal (a MINIMUM of THREE but ideally FOUR faculty members; these are in addition to your supervisor):

1.	Name:
2.	Name:
3.	Name:
4.	Name:

Names of members of the graduate faculty whom you would like to request as members of your Supervisory Committee IN RANKED ORDER (1 = first choice); if a faculty member is not in the Department of English, provide email address and department:

1.	Name:
2.	Name:
3.	Name:
4.	Name:

Library Requirements:

Will this dissertation require access to materials not available at the University of Toronto or through interlibrary loan?

How much time will likely be involved in working with other archives and collections?

Language Requirements:

What languages other than English are REQUIRED for your research?

What languages other than English are ADVISABLE (i.e., would enhance your research)?

What is your competence in these languages? If necessary, indicate how you plan to attain the required levels of proficiency?

*****PLEASE ATTACH YOUR PRELIMINARY THESIS PROPOSAL TO THE END OF THIS FORM. GIVE IT A TITLE AND MAKE CERTAIN YOUR NAME IS ON IT.*****