**-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 completes fields in blue; proposed supervisor completes field in green.**

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| **Student’s Name** | Click here to enter text |
| **Student’s Research Area** (choose one from among the department’s list of [Research Areas](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/graduate/general-information/research-areas)) | Click here to enter text |
| **Student’s Major and Minor Fields**  (see [Description of Special Fields Exam](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/sites/www.english.utoronto.ca/files/Description%20of%20Special%20Fields%20Exam.pdf)[:](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/sites/www.english.utoronto.ca/files/Description%20of%20Special%20Fields%20Exam%20and%20Timeline%202024%20May%209.pdf) the major field should be one in which hiring is done; the minor field should be a field either adjacent to or complementing the major field chronologically, theoretically, methodologically, etc.; the minor field should not be the specific topic of the dissertation within the major field) | Major Field: Click here to enter text  Minor Field: Click here to enter text |
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**Consultations**

**Please provide the 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):**

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**Requested Supervisory Committee Members**

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

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**Library Requirements**

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

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

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**Language Requirements**

What languages other than English are REQUIRED for your research?

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

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

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**Preliminary Thesis Proposal**

The Preliminary Thesis Proposal is intended to get you started on the major research project that you envisage for your doctoral thesis. It is, as its title suggests, preliminary. Following your Special Fields Examination, you will revise this preliminary proposal and submit it as part of [Form C](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/sites/www.english.utoronto.ca/files/FORM%20C.docx).

You should feel free to use your plan of study from your SSHRC or OGS proposal for this preliminary thesis proposal, *if it in fact reflects your most current thinking about your topic*. 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. Present the proposal in succinct and clear prose, not in point or outline form.

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