

Doctoral Program Admissions Writing Sample

Purpose

The purpose of this writing sample is to assess the prospective doctoral candidate's readiness for doctoral study. The Doctoral Committee will assess your capacity for advanced critical thinking, scholarly research, theological reflection, and original analysis.

Writing Prompt

Write a 300-500-word scholarly paper responding to the following question:
Prepare a dissertation abstract that proposes a potential area of doctoral research you would like to pursue during your program of study.

In your paper, discuss the following:

- Proposed Dissertation Title.
- Introduction of the Proposed Research Topic.
- Statement of the Problem.
- Proposed Research Methodology
- Contribution to Existing Scholarship in the Subject Area.

Requirements

- 300-500 words
- Typed, double-spaced
- 12-point Times New Roman font
- One-inch margins
- Recent scholarly sources (peer-reviewed where possible)
- Proper academic citations using APA (7th edition) or MLA style
- Formal academic writing demonstrates doctoral-level analysis, synthesis, and argumentation.