

What should be included in the expression of interest

The expression of interest, the exposé, and the thesis can be written in English or German.

The expression of interest serves to show your interest in the topic, that you've made yourself familiar with the topic, and what qualifies you for the topic. You should have read some of the basic literature on your topic (as recommended by me or listed in the topic description on the website).

Recommended structure of the expression of interest

Title section: Student name and registration number, thesis title, degree program, university, date

Research question: Try to formulate your topic as a research question or a set of two to four research questions. If you need guidance on how to develop a research question, see, e.g., <https://www.monash.edu/library/help/assignments-research/developing-research-questions>

Description of the topic: Here, you should state what the thesis will be about, why the topic is important, and how you will approach it.

Your interest and qualifications: Why are you interested in this topic particularly? What relevant qualifications do you have (e.g., attended relevant lectures or working in the field)?

Next steps:

- Send your expression of interest via e-mail.
- I will send feedback, usually within a week.
- Develop an exposé based on my feedback.
- Send you exposé via e-mail.
- Revise exposé based on the feedback.
- I will register your thesis; the time for the completion of the thesis starts.
- I will invite you to a colloquium where you will give a talk about your thesis in front of other students.