

Appendix A: Research Statement Template (Section 4 of the Smartform)

Each application for the VU Creative Works as Research collection must be accompanied by a Research Statement. The statement makes a succinct case for the work's *Background*, *Contribution*, *Scale*, and *Significance* (in terms of both *importance* and *esteem*). To complete the Research Statement, please respond to the criteria in the Research Statement template (no more than 250 words, or 2000 characters including spaces, in total). Please read the 'Submissions to the Creative Works as Research Collection' section of the guidelines for detailed explanations of these key criteria.

The research statement should be expressed in plain language (accessible to readers who are not expert in your field). It should summarise the rationale for the submission by making clear how the attached evidence relates to the claims made in each of the key criteria. The evidence should be attached behind the research statement.

Research Background (field, context, research questions addressed)

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Research Contribution (innovation, new knowledge)

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Research Scale (how the work fits the classification – Major, Substantial, Minor)

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Research Quality (evidence of international importance, evidence of esteem through peer review)

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