

## Initial Research Interest Statement Outline

Every student applying to study in the Center for Missiological Research must submit a short description (250-300 words) of their research interest that includes the following elements (the fourth element is for PhD applicants only):

1. Your proposed **research title** -- A short title that summarizes what you are hoping to find or demonstrate as a result of your PhD research
2. Your proposed **research problem** -- A clear, short statement that captures the unique research question or problem or main goal toward which your research project will be directed.
3. Your proposed **research sub-problems** - The two to three logical building blocks of the overall research project. These are major blocks of work that, if done, will solve your central research problem.
4. *PhD applicants only*: Provide the **name of your preferred mentor** and the reasons for your choice.\*

\*While every effort is made to honor PhD applicants' mentor preferences, faculty availability and interest in a student's project are also important factors in final mentor assignment decisions. Prospective mentors can be any current Fuller faculty member, but School of Intercultural Studies faculty members are more available to SIS PhD students. [Click here](#) for a listing of Fuller faculty by expertise or [here](#) for a list of School of Intercultural Studies Faculty that mentor PhD Students. Please note, although faculty emeritus are included in this list, they cannot serve as mentors.

(ThM students will be assigned thesis advisors during the course of the ThM program, not at the point of admission.)