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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES AND
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**NTST621: ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL AND RELIGIOUS RESEARCH
METHODS**

END OF SEMESTER 2 PAPER

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Specific rubrics are given on page 2 below
2. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

Write a research proposal for your PhD, no longer than 7,000 words. Please:

- State your research topic and key question.
- Explain the significance of your topic/question (to you, to your context, to theology).
- Explain how your research is going to be practical, contextual and African.
- Identify two existing theories that are relevant to your area, and summarise and explore them (from which discipline do they come? who are the key thinkers/practitioners? have they been applied to your research topic before? what are the strengths/weaknesses of these theories? how do you think your research will engage with them)
- State and explain your methodological approach (you can reuse your previous assignment here)
- Summarise your proposed research methods, explaining how and why you have designed your research this way.
- Examine ethical considerations in your research (not just in your research method).
- In conclusion, explain how you think your research will make a contribution to knowledge (and practice). (What is your proposed contribution? How will it emerge from your research?)

You should anchor every aspect of this proposal in literature appropriate to an advanced research project, and use appropriate academic conventions (referencing, language, etc.).

Word limit is 7,000 words maximum (not including bibliography)