

## Checklist for Preparing Applications

Applicants for admission to the MPhil African African MUST submit the following documents (click on the headings for further information):

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### [Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form](#)

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### [Degree Certificate and Detailed Transcript](#)

An official explanation of the Marking Scheme used should also be submitted.

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### [Two Confidential Academic References](#)

Applicants whose native language is not English are required to request their referees to comment on their command of English.

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### [Research Proposal](#)

The Centre of African Studies requires all applicants to provide a carefully argued statement of research plans. This statement should provide an indication of the chronological period and subject area of research within the scope of the MPhil and it should be 600-1,000 words (2-5 pages) in length. In addition, all applicants must submit a clear, short title for the proposed research topic.

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### [Writing Sample](#)

To help the Centre of African Studies judge the ability of applicants, a sample of written work must be included with all applications. All work must be submitted in English. Applicants must declare that the sample piece submitted with their application is substantially their own work. Writing samples should be no more than 4,000 words in length.

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### [English Language Test Results](#)

If applicable.

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### **Personal Development Questionnaire**

This form can be completed and detached from this booklet.

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### **Plans for PhD Research**

If applicable.

## Personal Development Questionnaire

The Centre of African Studies, particularly its dissertation supervisors, are interested to know what skills and experience applicants have gained already, and what their future training needs are likely to be.

*Disclaimer: please be aware that if you are accepted for admission to the MPhil African Studies, CAS cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet all your future training requirements.*

**Please detach the form below and upload the page to your Self-Service account.** If required, continue on a separate sheet.

**Name:**

**Previous study:** What general skills (e.g. IT, communication, research) have you acquired? Please specify skills (e.g. knowledge of excel), how you obtained them (e.g. attendance at a course) and how you have used them (e.g. created database). What subject-specific skills have you acquired? Please specify skills, how you obtained them and how you have used them.

**Your proposed course at Cambridge:** What general and subject-specific skills do you believe you will need to acquire whilst at Cambridge in order to successfully complete the MPhil in African Studies?