# Research Week Proposal Submissions

# Your Research Week Proposal Submission will consist of two documents that must be uploaded separately to the Research Week Submissions portal. The first will be in the form of a research abstract, and the second will be your Christian worldview statement.

## **Step 1-Submit Your Abstract**

First, you will need to write a **research abstract** that concisely summarizes the key points of your research in **200 to 300 words** in **one double-spaced paragraph**. It needs to clearly and professionally represent your research since it may be used as part of the judging criteria during the event.

Your abstract should contain:

1. A brief literature review or introduction to your research topic
2. A hypothesis or research question(s)
3. Your research methods
4. Your results
5. Your conclusions
6. Possible implications of your research and/or future directions for your topic

When submitting your abstract, please refer to the abstract example provided on the next page as a **template** for your own research submission. Submit this **document** in the **Research Week Submission** portal.

**Step 2-Submit Your Worldview Statement**

Next, you will need to create a **second document** that describes how your research design and reporting of results is informed by a **Christian worldview**. This worldview statement should answer the question: ***How is your research impactful within the culture at large***?

This worldview statement should be double-spaced and be between **250-500 words**.You will submit it to **“Worldview”** in the Research Week Submission Portal.

# Abstract Example Template

**Title -** Living In Light of Armageddon: W.A. Criswell, Communism, and The Cold War

**Program of Study –** Religious Studies

**Presentation Type – Choose one of the following:** Physical Poster, Oral Presentation, Remote Oral Presentation (Online students only), Performing Arts, Juried Art, or Three Minute Thesis.

**Subtype – Choose one of the following for poster or oral presentation types:** Basic, Applied, Theoretical Abstract, Textual or Investigative, Creative and Artistic. See category descriptions for more information.

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**Abstract**: This paper examines the eschatological views of W.A. Criswell, and their impact on conservative Southern Baptist thought throughout the 1960s. The 1960s was a tumultuous period for the Southern Baptist Convention. W.A. Criswell served as president of the convention for two consecutive terms. His writings and ministry offer a representation of the mentality of Southern Baptist pastors during the 1960s. This case study fills a void by examining W.A. Criswell with no intentions to criticize his eschatology or evangelism tactics, but rather to prove that Criswell’s conviction during the early Cold War that Jesus Christ would physically return to earth soon is what directed Criswell’s ministry. This paper focuses on the conditions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the split into fundamentalists and liberals that occurred in the 1960s. It analyzes the sermons and books of W.A. Criswell in order to establish that average Americans were familiar with Cold War terms. This paper discusses Criswell’s ministry at the end of the Cold War to show that he was able to adjust his ministry efforts when Armageddon did not occur. Criswell’s conviction during the early Cold War that the apocalypse was imminent motivated his ministry. W.A. Criswell offers a representation of Southern Baptist ministers and presidents whose actions were compelled by the grim circumstances of the Cold War. The prominence of W.A. Criswell and his congregation allows historians to view his ministry and draw conclusions regarding Southern Baptists as a whole. The fear and imminent doom of the Cold War gripped Criswell, and his distress influenced his ministry throughout the 1960s.