



Summer Festival | 2026

But you must continue in the things which you have learned - II Timothy 3:14



Research Guidelines

Research Festival (2026)

Overview

It is known that research activity is one of the best ways to learn about a certain subject. Research activity helps the researcher to get a deep understanding about their chosen topic. This happens by looking for as many references (books, trusted websites, sermons, etc.) as possible that talk about this research subject from different points of view. This helps to cover all sides of the subject. It is the researcher's responsibility to evaluate the quality of the references and being able to understand it and to present the idea in his own way which indicates the depth of his understanding of the research topic.

Age Group

Participants can be from any of the following age groups/grades:

- Grade 7-9
- Grade 10-12
- Youth (19-29 years old)
- Adults (30+)

Deadlines

Submission Deadline **21-Jun-2026**

Payment Deadline **21-Jun-2026**

Fees

Each participant will receive an award according to their achievement in the research component of the Summer Festival. Accordingly, there will be a registration fee as follows:

Research Submission (Max 3 participants per research): \$15

Important Note:

- Upon registration for research project on the SF system, there is **no refund**, and fees must be paid regardless.
- Please refer to the churches' fees payment procedure document on how to pay the fees.

Research Committee Contacts

You can contact the committee on email: research@sfmelb.org.au

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Entry Limit

There is no limit to number of entries per Church, Each research group can consist of 1 – 3 individuals, however it is not allowed for any participant to be part of more than one group (entry)

Guidelines

1. All research documents should be submitted on the SF Online registration system.
2. **Submission will be as following:**
 - o Each church MUST have a nominated responsible servant to access the SF online registration system
 - o The responsible servant to submit the research document (PDF format) ONLY through the SF online registration system (*No email / No USB submission is allowed*)
 - o Through the SF Online registration system, the responsible servant will submit the details as following:
 - Select participant(s) details from within the system
 - Upload the research document by the specified deadlines
 - The document should have a cover page showing: church name, responsible servant name and contact details, all participants names and grades and their role within the research group
 - o Once Submitted on the SF Online registration system, an email confirmation will be received confirming your submission to the SF committee.
 - o Please Note:
 - **No Online Registration No Valid Submission & No Award**
 - o SF Certificates will be awarded to all participants

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Word Limits & Formats:

1. Word limit will depend on the age group according to below table:

Age Group	Word Limit (not less than)
Year 7-9	2000 Words (without references, footnotes and index)
Year 10-12	2500 Words (without references, footnotes and index)
Youth (19-29 years old)	3000 Words (without references, footnotes and index)
Adults (30+)	3500 Words (without references, footnotes and index)

2. File format has to be either MS Word (*.docx) or Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf)
3. Please use Font “Times New Roman” Size 12 for paragraph body
4. Please use Font “Times New Roman” Size 13, Bold for paragraph titles/header (if needed)

Evaluation Criteria & Structure:

1. Ability to provide a holistic view of the topic.
2. Provide an index and a references list.
3. Ability of the research group to present the research in front of “Research Activity Committee” and show their understanding of the topic. Presentation will be conducted remotely via Zoom. (Dates will be communicated later to each research group)
4. Each research group can consist of 1 – 3 individuals.
5. Research topics can be in any subject that is related to this year’s summer festival’s topics (i.e : Habakkuk, Pope Dioscorus, etc....) or any other spiritual topic.

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6. Marking Criteria:

Submitted Research Document	Weight	Oral Presentation	Weight
Logical sequence and interconnection of ideas	25%	Ability to present the research's main idea and all topics	10%
Quality of presented ideas	10%	Understanding of every topic	10%
Ability to cover all topic related items	10%	Presentation Skills and group participation	10%
Word Count Limit as shown for each age group	15%		
References and Citations	10%		

Donations

You may choose to make a donation for summer festival using details below:

Account Name: Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Melbourne – Community Festival

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(Our doctrine, from the start,
established by God himself,
preached by the apostles,
and our fathers kept it safe.) **2x**

a strong tree of faith,
its roots trace back to history,
pure and watered by God's words
(Rites and also liturgy) **2x**

firm,
firm in my faith and doctrine
Our church is fatherly
Orthodox as my forefathers
Heroes of the Coptic church.

Mark, Athanasious, Dioscoros,
heroes and pillars of faith,
though heresies arise,
still we're steadfast in our faith.

Rooted in your church,
be firm in what you've learned.

Contact us on:

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