Grade 5 Thesis - A note to future writers!

If you are planning on writing a CSA thesis please take the following documents into consideration:

- Read the CSA Grade 5 Thesis – A Guide (available via CSA website)
  https://www.csa.org.uk/Commissioning_Specialists_Association/file/PDF/Thesis/Guide_to_Grade5_Thesis.pdf
- Read the Training and career development handbook (Grade 5 Thesis, Page 16) (available via CSA website)
  https://www.csa.org.uk/Commissioning_Specialists_Association/file/PDF/Training_and_Career_Development_Handbook.pdf
- Read through fellow members Thesis. (available via CSA website)
  https://www.csa.org.uk/Commissioning_Specialists_Association/file/grade5.php

Almost without exception, all first thesis synopsis drafts received do not follow a thesis pathway. This inevitably leads to rejection of thesis synopsis and time wasted for the student, the marker and takes up valuable CSA office staff time.
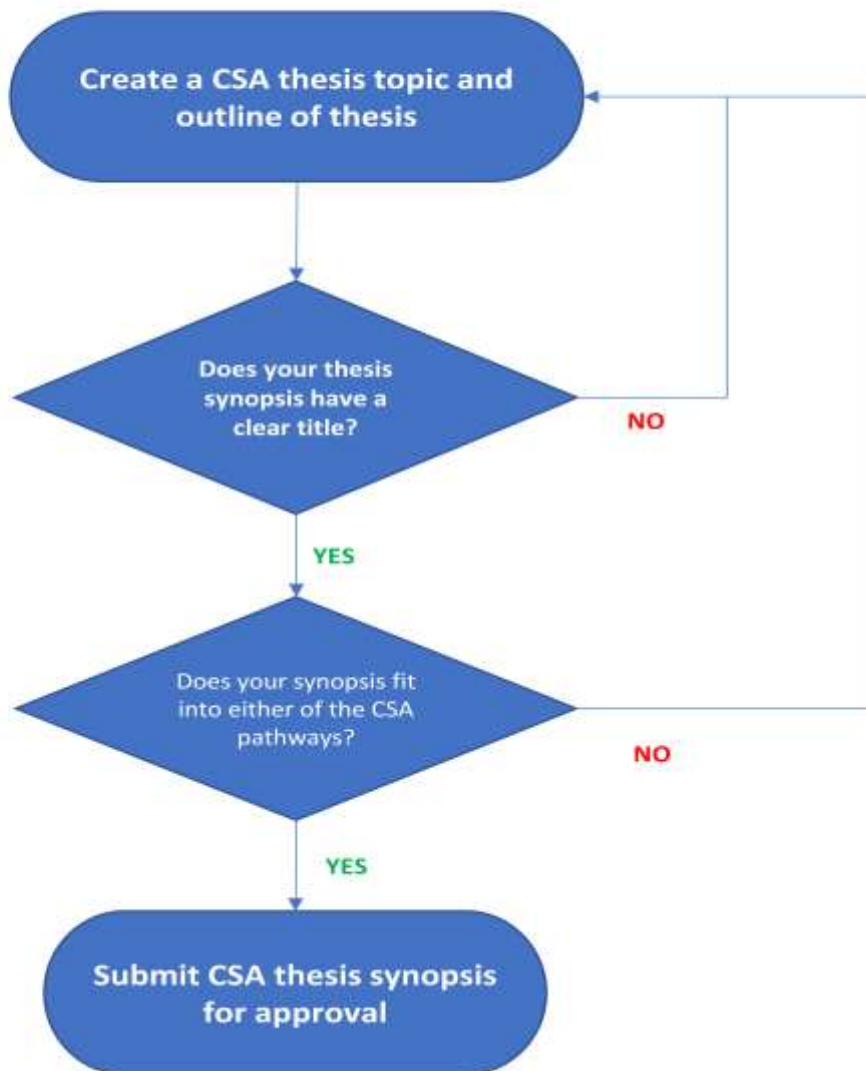
The most common mistakes are to pick a subject matter and simply describe the subject or to have a generic thesis topic. The CSA have provided a clear pathway for a Thesis as defined as:

- an opinion supported by reasoned argument
- a proposition put forward for consideration (especially one to be discussed and proved or to be maintained against objections)

By reading and adhering to the above guidance and requirements this will greatly reduce the time required to produce the thesis and synopsis.

As a further checkpoint and before submitting your thesis synopsis for approval, the CSA have created a quick check guidance process flow chart "Thesis synopsis approval guide" that will help fast track approval time.

CSA Thesis Synopsis Submittal Process

Create a CSA thesis topic and outline of thesis

Does your thesis synopsis have a clear title? — **NO**

YES

Does your synopsis fit into either of the CSA pathways? — **NO**

YES

Submit CSA thesis synopsis for approval

We look forward to receiving your applications!

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