

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

INITIAL RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

All doctoral and masters candidates, must complete this template (and submit it together with their Application form), before they register for their degree.

Name of Student:

Student no:
(Where applicable)

Degree:

Programme:

RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE (OR CHOSEN AREA OF RESEARCH IF NO TITLE AS YET):

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT, INCLUDING KEY QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED As guided below (approximately 500 words):

AIMS and OBJECTIVES (*What do you want to achieve?*):

RESEARCH QUESTION (*Provide evidence that work will be performed at the appropriate academic level*):

PRELIMINARY LITERATURE REVIEW:

IMPORTANCE OF TOPIC (*locate topic in current literature*)

For PhD only: provide evidence of originality of your proposed study in relation to research area

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH (*Philosophical, theoretical, empirical, etc.*):

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL:

- i. Brief descriptive title (which can be changed later).*
- ii. Outline of what you will research.*
- iii. Reason for choosing this topic. Why is it important to society? To your discipline? To you? What might its implication/value be?*
- iv. Any known precedents or parallel work in this topic? In what ways will your study not merely duplicate this?*
- v. Hypotheses or theoretical framework guiding the research?*
- vi. Have you any previous experience in doing similar research?*
- vii. Research methodology: What research methods will you use? E.g., Experimental designs and analysis, surveys, literature study, historical analysis?*
- viii. Give bibliographical details of primary sources you will consult and secondary sources which you propose to consult.*
- ix. Proposed work schedule and envisaged target dates.*