

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.*