**Research topic**

An initial working title should be provided and should describe the content and direction of your project.

For example: *A template for assisting research students in the development of a research proposal.*

**Description**

**Background**

What is already known or unknown? Set the scene.

**Aims\***

What do you want to know, prove, demonstrate, analysis, test, investigate or examine? List your project aims in a logical sequence. For example:

The aim of this project is to:

a) Provide an outline of a research proposal

b) Enable a prospective student to prepare a research proposal

**Methodology\***

How do you anticipate you will achieve these aims?\*

What do you need? (specify any special equipment, software or material) Can

you access necessary data or expertise?

Do you require particular resources?\*

Are there barriers or pitfalls?

Does the project involve human ethics, animal ethics or safety implications?

Is travel or fieldwork required? If so, where to, how long and at what intervals?

**Expected outcomes, significance or rationale**

Why is it important?

What do you expect it will deliver?

What are the expected outcomes?

Establish the importance of your project by highlighting its originality or why it is worth pursuing. Highlight the benefits, positive expected

outcomes or innovative applications of knowledge.

**Timetable\***

Indicate the timeframe for each broad stage considering literature surveys, data collection, production, modeling, review, analysis,

testing, reporting, chapter and thesis writing, and thesis submission date.