FACULTY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Guidelines for submitting a proposal for Doctor of Philosophy

1.0 Purpose

These guidelines are intended to help applicants prepare a research proposal for the Doctor of Philosophy degree offered by the Faculty of Information and Communications Technology.

2.0 Applicability

These guidelines apply to prospective students applying for February 2010 onwards.

3.0 Proposal Content

3.1 Formatting

The proposal must be written on A4 paper using single-spaced, twelve-point font in the text. The length of the proposal, including front page, figures, tables and references, should normally be approximately 1,000 words. A template of the front page can be found at the end of this document.

3.2 Content

The content expected by the candidate is as follows:

3.2.1 The Provisional Title
3.2.2 An Introduction to the subject
3.2.3 A description of the problem that will be tackled
3.2.4 The state-of-the-art and relevant theory in the area concerned
3.2.5 The proposed solutions and their expected impact
3.2.6 An indication on how the results will be evaluated
3.2.7 Any ethical issues and how these will be tackled (if applicable)
3.2.8 The expected timeline
3.2.9 A good number of references
3.2.10 Signature and statement from proposed principal supervisor
3.2.11 Recommendation from the Head of the Department.

3.3 Submission

Other than the copy submitted with the application, the applicant must submit a signed copy of the original proposal to the Faculty Office.