



Guidelines for Submitting a Proposal for Doctor of Philosophy

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1.0 Purpose

These guidelines are intended to help applicants prepare a research proposal for the Doctoral of Philosophy degree offered by the Centre for Biomedical Cybernetics.

2.0 Eligibility

Students should check their eligibility for the Ph.D. degree with the Admissions Office prior to submitting a proposal.

3.0 Initial steps

3.1 Formatting

The proposal must be written on A4 paper using 1.5 lines spacing, twelve-point font in the text. The length should be approximately 1000 words.

3.2 Content

The content expected by the candidate consists of the following:

- Applicant's contact details
- Provisional title

- Introduction to the subject
- Description of the research area
- Research questions / Research hypothesis
- Research methodology
- Any ethical issues and how these will be tackled (if applicable)
- Details of any 3rd party involved
- Gantt chart for the study
- Signature and statement from proposed principal supervisor
- Recommendation from the director of the Centre

For a guide on writing the research proposal please visit the UoM Doctoral School website where a Research Proposal for Doctoral Degrees Form is also available.

4.0 Submission of draft proposal

The signed draft proposal should be handed to the Administration Office of the Centre to be considered by the Doctoral Committee which will provide its recommendations. The recommendations of the Doctoral Committee will be communicated to the prospective student and proposed supervisor together with the procedure to proceed with the application.