

# FACULTY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

## Guidelines for submitting a proposal for Master of Science by Research

### 1.0 Purpose

These guidelines are intended to help applicants prepare a research proposal for the Master by Research degrees offered by the Faculty of Information and Communications Technology.

### 2.0 Applicability

These guidelines apply to prospective students applying for February 2010 and later.

### 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 four (4) pages. A template of the front page can be found at the end of this document.

#### 3.2 *Content*

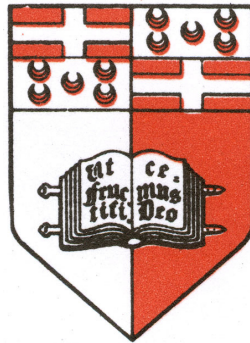
The content expected by the candidate is as follows:

- 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 An overview of relevant research and theory
- 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 References
- 3.2.10 Signature and statement from proposed supervisor
- 3.2.11 Recommendation from the Head of the Department.

#### 3.3 *Submission*

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

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[Title of Proposal]

by  
[Name of student]

**Proposed Supervisor:** [Name of Supervisor]