

**PRELIMINARY PHD RESEARCH PLAN FORM**

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| ***PhD student name:*** |  |
| ***Department & School or Institute:*** |  |
| ***Address for correspondence:*** |  |
| ***E-mail and telephone contact:*** | Phone:  Email: |

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| ***Title and description of the research project, including references***  *Include hypothesis, aims and objectives and tasks* |

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| ***Explain the novelty of your chosen research program***  *How does it differ from what is already known, how does it go beyond state-of-the-art, how does it progress you towards your doctorate, how is it different from your current research? Include references to previous related work.* |

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| ***References***  *Use a uniform referencing style.* |

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| ***Identify all supervisors for your project and briefly list why they are appropriate***  *(Give contact details for both internal and external supervisors. Each PhD student project must have 2 internal supervisors and 1 external supervisor)* |

**Lead supervisor:**

**Name, qualifications, post held and place of work:**

Currently supervising       MPhil       PhD

Previously supervised to successful completion       MPhil       PhD

**Co-supervisor 1:**

**Name, qualifications, post held and place of work:**

Currently supervising       MPhil       PhD

Previously supervised to successful completion       MPhil       PhD

**Co-supervisor 2:**

**Name, qualifications, post held and place of work:**

Currently supervising       MPhil       PhD

Previously supervised to successful completion       MPhil       PhD

**External Advisor:**

**Name, qualifications, post held and place of work:**

Currently supervising       MPhil       PhD

Previously supervised to successful completion       MPhil       PhD

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| ***Identify what equipment will be necessary for conducting this research program and where it can be found (internally or externally\*). If the equipment cannot be found, indicate items and cost.***  *\*If externally, please indicate whether the individuals or groups responsible for this equipment have been approached* |

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| ***Provide a brief timeline/schedule for your PhD program (a GANTT chart can be used)***  *Include projected experiments, lab work, foreign lab visits, analysis performed, conferences attended. Provide brief details to the experiments envisaged. Inclusion of milestones and key performance indicators are recommended.* |

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| ***What are the identified risks with your research project? How do you propose to mitigate those risks / contingency plans? Are there any ethical issues?***  *You do not need to fill in COSHH or risk assessment forms at this time.* |

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| ***Are there any potential conflicts of interest?***  *If yes, please detail* |

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| ***Does your project require a confidentiality agreement?***  *If yes, please detail* |

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| ***Detail any other items that are relevant to your PhD program that are not covered above*** |

I understand my responsibilities as a PhD student as outlined on p.1 of this form and in the PhD Student Handbook.

I declare that the answers above accurately describe my research as presently designed and that I will submit a new checklist should the design of my research change in a way which would alter any of the above responses so as to require greater scrutiny.

**Signed by PhD student:**

**Date:**

**Print name** (block capitals)

**Signed by lead supervisor:**

**Date:**

**Print name** (block capitals)

**Signed by co-supervisor(s):**

**Date:**

**Print name** (block capitals)

**Signed by external supervisor(s):**

**Date:**

**Print name** (block capitals)

I understand the questions and answers that have been entered above describing the research, and I will ensure that my practice in this research complies with these responses.

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