

Department of Life Sciences

M.Phil./ Ph.D. Research Proposal Application Form

1. Background and Rationale

In no more than 1 page give the background to your study. Highlight its importance to the field and/or the region.

2. Aim and Objectives

Using bullet points give the specific aim and objectives of the study. (These should lead on directly from the Background and Rationale.)

3. Method

In no more than 3 pages outline the method for the project including, where appropriate, the experimental design.

4. Preliminary Studies, Sources of Variability, and Contingencies

In no more than 1 page give an outline of any preliminary studies undertaken and outline any potential sources of variability and how these will be overcome.

5. Equipment and Facilities

In half a page outline what equipment and departmental facilities will be required to complete the research project.

6. Budget

In half a page give a breakdown of the costs to complete the research project, and provide an explanation of these costs.

7. Funding

In half a page highlight any sources of funding that will be used to cover the costs of the research and/or any funding that has already been applied for.

8. Expected Outcome

In half a page outline the expected outcomes of the project, the significance of anticipated results and likely publications.

9. Support Statement from First Academic Supervisor

In half a page explain why the applicant is suited to the proposed research project.

10. Signature of Student and First Academic Supervisor

The research proposal must be signed and dated by both the student and the agreed first academic supervisor.

11. References

Give full references, in particular for statements made in sections 1 and 3.