**Proposed Outline Programme of Research for Doctoral Application**

To allow applicants to register as MTU - Cork students as soon as possible after arrival, the Postgraduate Regulations allow postponing of the submission of a full research proposal as follows:

7.1.11 Applicants qualified for admission to the postgraduate research register who have properly completed all sections of the application form with the exception of an outline rather than a fully-specified research proposal may be pre-registered on the advice of the Head of Department and approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies, pending submission and approval of the completed research proposal, using the appropriate standard template, within a maximum period of three months for Masters by Research students and 6 months for doctoral students.

The template below should be used for the Doctoral Outline Proposal.

1. **Title**
2. **Student’s and supervisors’ names**
3. **Extended abstract (two pages minimum)**

Summarise the broad context of the research, the objectives, the research methodology and how the project is expected meet the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree, particularly through its contributions to scholarship and originality leading to work of publishable standard.

1. the candidate must demonstrate an understanding of methodologies appropriate to the chosen field and show thorough knowledge of the literature of the subject and of the work of other scholars in the field;
2. the candidate shall have demonstrated the capacity of pursuing original independent research in the field of study and of exercising critical judgement;
3. the thesis must make a substantial and original contribution to scholarship and provide evidence of originality by the exercise of independent critical powers;
4. the thesis must contain an acceptable amount of original work by the candidate, which is considered by the examiners to be of publishable standard in the form *inter alia* of:
   * articles in appropriate refereed journals
   * a book or other scholarly publication
   * a research/creative or self-expressive work monograph which meets the standard of refereed academic publications;