**Template for Research Proposal: Transfer from the Masters to the PhD Register**

The following is the minimum content required in the Research Proposal to be submitted to the MTU - Cork School of Graduate Studies when requesting transfer from the Masters by Research Register to the PhD by Research Register. In the case where the proposed research is being carried out in the context of a larger research programme, the research proposal should primarily focus on the student’s individual project and, except to put the student’s project in context, not on the larger research programme. In particular, the research proposal should seek to describe how the criteria in Section 12.4 of the CIT Postgraduate Regulations will be met.

**Review of Progress to Date**

1. Substantial report on progress and achievements to date in Masters project (please append copy of original Masters research proposal).
	1. Abstract (250 words) summarising the progress and achievements with respect to the original work plan
	2. Minimum 3000 word report on the research carried out to date
		1. Methodology used
		2. Work carried out including any alterations to the original work plan
		3. Results obtained and their contribution to the field of research
		4. Details of any publications/exhibitions to date

**PhD Research Proposal**

1. **Abstract (250 words)**

Summarise the objectives, the main expected originality and the research methodology to be used.

1. **Research Context and Contribution to the Research Field**

Describe the broad context of the research and the overall contribution which will be made to the general field of research.

1. **Objectives**

Summarise the key objectives of the research.

1. **Review of the state of the art/current literature/current practice in the field of research (1000 words minimum)**

Review the state of the art/current literature/current practice in the topic of the proposed research with references to the scholarly literature as appropriate.

1. **Expected progress with respect to the state of the art/ current literature/current practice in the field of research**

Describe how the proposed research has the potential to meet the criteria set out in Sections 12.4.(b) and 12.4.(c) of the CIT Postgraduate Regulations.

1. **Research methodology**

Describe the methodology to be used in the proposed research and why it is appropriate to the research objectives.

1. **Work Plan**

Present the research work plan, outlining the main research tasks and timing. Include a Gantt chart.

1. **Ethical issues**

If the proposed research directly involves human or live animal subjects, discuss the ethical issues involved and the actions that will be taken to ensure compliance with CIT ethics guidelines and with the CIT Child Protection Policy (if children are involved).