**Proposed Outline Programme of Research for “Masters by Research” Application**

**CODE: MOP**

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 Masters Outline Proposal.

1. **Title**
2. **Student’s and supervisors’ names**
3. **Extended abstract (one page 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 Masters degree:

1. the thesis must show evidence of independent thought and research, and must demonstrate a mastery of their chosen subject;
2. the candidate must demonstrate an understanding of methodologies appropriate to the chosen field and show adequate knowledge of the literature of the subject and of the work of other scholars in the field;
3. the candidate must be capable of relating knowledge of particular topics to the broader field of study involved and of presenting such knowledge in a critical and scholarly way.