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

The following is the minimum content required for the proposed programme of research in Section 7.1 of a Masters by Research application when it is being submitted to the MTU - Cork School of Graduate Studies (graduate.studies@cit.ie). In the case where the student’s research is being carried out within 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 12.3 of the CIT Postgraduate Regulations will be met.

1. **Abstract (250 words)**

Summarise the objectives, the 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 (750 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. **Research contributions**

Describe the detailed contributions which the proposed research will make to the research field and the new knowledge it is expected to generate.

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).