**Template for Review of Research Proposal for Admission to the PhD by Research Register**

This template is intended as a guideline for Departmental Research Study Boards, Internal Reviewers and External Reviewers who are assessing Research Proposals for admission to the MTU - Cork PhD Register. Please use as much space as required and describe in as much detail as possible any issues which need to be addressed by the student.

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**Title of project**: Click here to enter text.

**Name of reviewer**: Click here to enter text.

**Affiliation of reviewer**: Click here to enter text.

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| **Are the objectives of the research described clearly and in sufficient detail?** |
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| **Does the proposal demonstrate sufficient familiarity with the state of the art in the field?** |
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| **Are the expected originality and novel contributions to the research field clearly and appropriately described?** |
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| **Is the research methodology adequate, and aligned with the objectives?** |
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| **Are the work plan and schedule feasible for the achievement of the objectives?** |
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| **Are you satisfied that the proposed research has the potential to meet the criteria in Section 12.4 of the CIT Postgraduate Regulations (see below), particularly (c) and (d)? If not, please state reasons.** |
| **12.4 Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Professional Doctorate: Examination of Thesis** Examiners should assess and may recommend the award of Doctor of Philosophy in accordance with the following criteria: (a) the candidate must demonstrate an understanding of the range 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; (b) the candidate must demonstrate the capacity of pursuing original independent research in the field of study and of exercising critical reflective analysis; (c) the thesis must demonstrate that the candidate can interpret results appropriately and present conclusions in a well-reasoned manner (d) the thesis must be of an appropriate standard in terms of presentation, style and syntax, with a minimum of typographical and grammatical errors and with results and data presented in a clear and accessible manner, including a comprehensive and up-to-date references section; (e) the thesis must demonstrate that, where relevant, all ethical requirements were addressed properly; (f) the thesis must make a substantial and original contribution to scholarship and provide evidence of originality by the exercise of independent critical powers; * (g) 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;
* or, directly arising from the research, have a comparable peer-recognised impact on their profession through e.g.
	+ generation of intellectual property such as patents or licensing
	+ the potential to bring about substantial change in business, professional or manufacturing practice
	+ the potential to bring about substantial change in public service or society
	+ development of innovative products with potentially substantial market impact;

(h) the candidate must present and successfully defend the body of work at an oral examination, such that the examiners are satisfied that the work presented is the candidate’s own work and clearly differentiating the work of the candidate where their research was conducted as part of a team. The examiners shall also take cognisance of the NQAI Level 10 standards (Section 3.2). **Please comment:**  |

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| **Have ethical issues (if relevant) been adequately considered?** |
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| **Other comments** |
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