***Guidelines for Drafting a PhD Research Proposal***

Prospective students of the PhD Home Economics should prepare and submit a proposal detailing the information below. A guide for the proposal length is 1,000-2,000 words.

1. **A provisional / working title of the research area**
2. **Description of the proposed research**

This should state the key issue that your research intends to address, and the key theoretical debates and/or empirical phenomena that are underpinning it. In other words, what research questions are driving your research? What is it you are trying to find out by undertaking this project? Why?

Including:

* The fundamental aim of this study is to:
* The following key objectives will guide this research:
* The key research questions to be addressed in this study are:

1. **Location of the study in existing research**

This section should include a brief literature review which illustrates your familiarity with the main debates and critical issues pertaining to the subject area in question. It should also demonstrate how your proposed research will add to the body of knowledge of Home Economics and how it will address existing gaps in these debates or in the literature.

1. **Research methods**

Outline the investigative and analytical frameworks and methods you propose to use in the study. Discuss the nature and feasibility of data collection. Identify potential challenges, ethical considerations and provide some initial details regarding planned data analysis approaches.

1. **Strategy and timetable for research project**

Detail the main stages of your proposed research project. A Gantt chart can be useful in setting this out, including milestones, outputs and work packages.

1. **Bibliography**

List an indicative bibliography of key sources (approx.10-15).