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Supervisor Allocation Form

Program:

Semester:

Date:

MS (Management Sciences)

Student Name:

MS (Project Management)

Registration No:

MBA (Research Project)

Email:

MBA (Thesis)

Cell No:

PhD (Management Sciences)

Area of Specialization:

Tentative Title of Research:

Supervisor's Preferences

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Preference 1:

Signature:

Preference 2:

Signature:

Preference 3:

Signature:

Note: 1) Consent/Signature of all preferred supervisors is mandatory.

2) You cannot write one name in all three preferences.

3) The preferred supervisor must be the faculty member of CUI-Management Sciences Department.

3) This form does not guarantee the allocation of only preferred supervisor. The supervisor is allocated by the Graduate Office after the approval from Graduate Advisory Committee (GAC).

(Signature of Student)

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Convener, Graduate Advisory Committee

Style Guide for Research Topic (PhD, MS, MBA)

The objective of this document is to guide MS, MBA and PhD students to introduce their research area/topic. This is a short description of your proposed topic which would enable the supervisor and selector to evaluate the scope and importance of your study. You should read the following guidelines carefully to ensure that your document includes the information we need to assess your application. The proposal should be between 1000-1500 words in length, excluding references and appendices. The document must be in “Times New Roman”, with ‘12’ font size in main body (title and headings are different) and 1.5 line spacing.

The aim of the research topic/area is to demonstrate that you have a research project both worth doing and manageable within the timeline of your PhD/MS/MBA degree program. Your research project must be logical and also make a substantial contribution to understanding in the relevant field. To ensure that your project is manageable within stipulated time period, you need to show that you understand the scale of issues and problems you are addressing. In order to do these things, your proposal should include the following:

Title: This is your provisional title so try to be concise and explicit (18 Bold)

Introduction (14 Bold)

The introduction should briefly place the study in a broad context and highlight why it is important. It should define the purpose of the work and its significance. Use this section to introduce the questions and issues central to your research. Identify the field of study in broad terms and indicate how you expect your research to intervene in the field. You can include references, diagrams, tables or any other material that is important.

Research Background and Questions

Use this section to expand your Introduction. What are the key texts and approaches in the field, and how does your proposal differ from existing lines of argument? What does your project

contribute to existing work in the field? How does it extend our understanding of particular questions or topics? You need to set out your research questions as clearly as possible, explain problems that you want to explore and say why it is important to do so. In other words, think about how to situate your project in the context of your discipline.

Research Methods

This section should set out how you will achieve what you set out to do in Research background and questions. This will obviously depend very much on your research topic. What sources will you use? In other words, does your project involve archival sources, particular databases or specialist libraries? Is your study interdisciplinary? What theoretical resources do you intend to use and why? What forms of textual, historical or visual analysis are relevant to your topic/field? How will you set about answering your research questions?

Schedule of work

Use this section to show that you have a realistic plan for completion of the study within stipulated time period i.e. one (01) year for MS and MBA and three (03) years for PhD. You need to think here about dividing the proposal into sections (not necessarily chapters at this stage) and giving an indication of how you plan to research and write up each section.

References

Include references, in a standard format such as APA, listing the books and articles to which you refer in the proposal.

Some of these sections will be easier to write than others at this very preliminary stage. The selectors who read your proposal know that it is a provisional statement and that your ideas, questions and approaches will change during the course of your research. You should treat the proposal as an opportunity to show that you have *begun* to explore an important area of study and that you have a question, or questions, that challenge and develop that area. It is also necessary to demonstrate that you can express your ideas in clear and precise English, accessible to a non-specialist.

NB: This document is only for supervisor allocation.