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1 Abstract

A 300 word abstract summarising your project

*(300 words maximum)*

2 Concise Literature Review

* 1. Heading 1

A concise introduction/critical review of literature most relevant to your project, which should put the project aims/research questions into context. This introduction is like an introduction that would be given in a research article. A more detailed draft of a literature that would become Chapter 1 can be included in the appendices (as advised by the advisory team).

*(approximately 3-5 pages)*

1. Research Project
   1. Aims / Research Questions

You aims/research questions should relate back to your concise introduction and shouldn’t be a list of experimental tasks.

* 1. Research Plan/Approach

Description of your experimental research plan to achieve the aims, including a timeline (E.g. Gannt chart) for candidature.

* 1. Key Preliminary Results

A description of key preliminary results which can refer to more detailed results in the Appendices.

*(approximately 4 pages)*

4 Research Environment

Description of equipment, instrumentation and infrastructure that will be used for the project.

*(approximately ½ page)*

5 Role of Personnel

A description of the expertise of the advisory team.

*(approximately 1/4 page)*

6 References

1. Use a consistent format for references, ideally one that is commonly used in journals in your field.
2. Another reference
3. More references

*(approximately 1 page)*

7 Appendices

7.1 Experimental

Description of experimental and methods

7.2 Results and discussion

Description results to date and discussion where possible.

7.3 Extensive Literature Review materials

As advised by the advisory team. Typically, this can be a draft of what will eventually become Chapter 1 of the thesis.

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