**Research Plan**

**Supplementary Document for**

**Full-time M.Sc./Re-entry to 2nd Year of Part-time M.Sc.**

***\*Please only submit a Research Plan if you are applying for Full-time M.Sc. OR are a re-entry student to 2nd year of the Part-time M.Sc.\****

Applications from prospective candidates for entry to a full-time course, or by suitable candidates for re-entry to 2nd year for a part-time M.Sc., in the TCD School of Nursing and Midwifery are made via the online application system [www.mytcd.ie](file:///\\winsan\Nursing_Midwifery\Meetings\Postgraduate%20Mgt%20Meeting\2012-13\4.Mar.2013\documents%20to%20be%20tabled%20at%20PgMgt%204.March.2013\www.mytcd.ie).

Each candidate is required to submit a brief research plan as part of the application process. Before submission it is recommended that prospective candidates review the research profile of School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin <http://www.nursingmidwifery.tcd.ie/research/strengths/>.

This may assist prospective candidates in aligning their proposed research with the School’s research themes or provide ideas for potential research topics. Candidates are also welcome to submit proposals based on their own research interest.

This research plan should include the following

1. Proposed title/topic.

2. A brief description of the background to the proposed area of inquiry and its relevance/significance.

3. A preliminary outline of relevant literature to identify gaps in the literature/knowledge with regard to chosen research topic.

4. Aim and objectives of the proposed research.

5. Some consideration of the proposed methodology for this research.

**Word Limit:** 1000 words

**Deadline:** to be submitted with application

**Retain an electronic copy as well as a hard copy** **for your files.**

**Nomination of an appropriate supervisor**

The proposal will be reviewed by the MSc selection panel. A firm offer of a place on the course will be made to the prospective candidate subject to them meeting the criteria for selection. Once the prospective candidate has accepted this offer and paid the required deposit, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) in conjunction with Course Co-ordinator will source an appropriate supervisor from within the School of Nursing & Midwifery.

Successful candidates will receive contact details for his or her allocated supervisor upon registration as a M.Sc. student of TCD.