

Project Description Form (PDF): MSc Information Security

How to complete this form

This form should be completed during the second term. Every student must meet their supervisor at regular intervals during the term to discuss the scope of the project and the initial literature review. Drafts of the form and the literature review should be submitted to the project supervisor for review during the term, as plans for the project evolve. Apart from completing this front page, text should be provided under each of the four headings given after the declaration section below.

An initial project literature review should be prepared, again in consultation with your supervisor. This form should use the standard project front page. If at any stage the project deviates significantly from the description given, then the student must discuss this with their project supervisor and, if necessary, complete a revised form.

Royal Holloway encourages research of highest quality by ensuring that research ethics and good practices are followed. If the proposed work raises any ethical issues, ethical approval must be sought in advance.

Student checklist

- Two copies of this form must be completed, signed and submitted to your project supervisor for signature.
- A copy of the project literature review should be attached to both copies of this form.

Student and project details

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Provisional project title	Securing Firmware for Embedded Systems: Binding Firmware and Hardware

Ethics (to be completed jointly by the student and the supervisor)

Question	Delete/tick as appropriate	
1. Will the study be covert in any way?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Will resulting data be used for purposes outside this study?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Are you working with a vulnerable population?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Is it possible that your study will cause distress or harm to participants?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to any of the above questions is 'YES', the supervisor should contact the MSc Project Director and arrange for Departmental/College ethical approval.		

Declarations and signatures

Student declaration: I declare that I have read and understood the MSc Project Handbook, in particular the sections on referencing and plagiarism. I declare that the contents of this Project Description Form are all my own work, and that I have acknowledged all quotations from published or unpublished work of other people. I also declare that the proposed work will not raise any ethical issues.

Signature:

Date:

Supervisor declaration: I approve the attached project plan and literature review. I agree that the proposed project topic meets the requirements of the MSc track (if specified). I also agree that the project does not raise any ethical issues.

Signature:

Date:

Statement of objectives

Add text here. [**Guidance:** This statement should include a description of what you intend to achieve in your project. This should briefly cover why it is of interest.]

Methodology

Add text here. [**Guidance:** Describe how do you intend to achieve the objectives listed above. This should include a review of your strategy for getting started (e.g. what literature you plan to review, how you intend to find relevant literature, what software you intend to look at and/or write, etc.).]

Work plan

Add text here. [**Guidance:** Provide a rough schedule for your project, showing the key milestones in the project (up to and including the submission deadline in August 2014).]

Additional comments

Add text here. [**Guidance:** Optionally provide any extra comments on your proposal on matters not covered above. Where relevant include details of the involvement of external organisations.]