

School of Physics and Astronomy



Proposed Project Title First Year Summary

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1 Project Outline

Outline of your project, covering the scientific background, the rationale for your intended area of study and **your progress to date**. This should concentrate on why this subject area is important, interesting, worth studying and where you hope/believe your work will lead. You should also describe the context of your PhD – how does it fit into the international agenda?

This section should be 2-3 pages and written for the *general scientific reader*, (the typical reader of New Scientist, and in particular should *not* include any mathematical derivations.)

The whole report *must not* exceed **four** pages.

2 Critical Dependencies

If there are *critical dependencies* in your research work, detail them here, for example “... *my experimental work depends on the LHC being fixed*...” and what steps have been taken to deal(?) with them.

Also in this section outline any concerns about your progress, and in particular any aspect that you feel are impeding your progress.

3 Training and Courses

In this section list the courses you *have* attended this year including their origin (eg: SUPA / UG / Summer School), whether this course was assessed, and the number of contact hours, here is a typical simple table.

Course Attended in First Year

Name	Origin	Assessed	Hours
RQFT	SUPA	Yes	18
Biophysics	UG	No	15
Unix Skills	Transkills	No	3

Include a *provisional* list of courses/training that you are going to attend *next* year,

Courses to be Attended in 2009-2010

Name	Origin	Assessed
Standard Model	SUPA	Yes
Advanced Cosmology	UG	No
Thesis preparation	Transkills	No

Also feel free to suggest any changes, additional courses/training that you feel would have been valuable.

4 Teaching

In this section list the taught undergraduate teaching you have undertaken.

Name	Semester	Hours
Physics1A Workshops	1	12

also whether you intend to increase or reduce your teaching commitment next year.