**RESEARCH METHODS IN COMPUTING (COMP09092)**

**TUTORIAL 1**

**IDENTIFYING A RESEARCH AREA - KEY QUESTIONS TO HELP YOUR THINKING**

Below is a list of questions that you should seek to answer since they will help you focus your thinking about a suitable research area. Not all of the questions may be appropriate to your chosen area.

**What modules have I enjoyed most and performed best in up to now?**

**What do I consider to be my main strengths?**

**What kind of job/career would I like both after graduation and in the longer term future?**

**What key skills/knowledge do employers look for in those job/careers?**

**Can I link any job/career aspirations to programme?**

**What are the problem(s) or issue(s) that I am trying to explore and address in my project proposal? What is the point of my potential project idea?**

**What is the potential output of my proposed research area going to be – i.e. a prototype or a model/framework/recommendations?**

**What background articles/papers/material etc do I have in my potential research project area that will help get me started and ‘set the scene’?**

**What contacts do I have in relation to potentially getting access to organisations that I could use for conducting potential primary research or end users to test and evaluate my prototype?**

**What UWS staff can I approach to advise me and act in a supervisory role in relation to my potential research area?**