MRP 2022: Guide for Writing Research Concept Note

Your research concept note is a vital part of your application for the mentoring programme. To ensure that the submitted concept note provides enough information for the multi-stakeholder selection team to make an informed decision, we advise that you present your research topic in a clear manner following the suggested content and format below:

1. **Project Title**.

2. **Introduction:** Brief background of your research topic. What is already known or unknown? What research question(s) do you hope to answer through your research project? **100 words**

3. **Aim and Objectives:** What do you want to know, prove, demonstrate, analyse, test, investigate or examine in your research? Please, highlight your research objectives in a logical sequence. **100 words**

4. **Proposed Methodology:** What methods will you use to address your research problem? Also, specify if the equipment, software, or other resources required to facilitate the completion of your research project are available in your university or a partner institution/organisation. Briefly demonstrate that you have access to all the facilities (or equipment) you require to complete the research. Are there barriers or challenges that you anticipate in your planned research? **200 words**

5. **Expected outcomes, significance or rationale:** Establish the importance of your research by highlighting its novelty. Highlight the possible outcomes and the expected contribution to existing knowledge. Also, state how many publications you intend to draw from your research and when, if applicable. **100 words**

6. **Project Timeline:** Indicate the timeframe for the completion of each broad stage considering literature surveys, data collection, production, modelling, review, analysis, testing, reporting, chapter and thesis writing, and thesis submission time. **100 words**

Note: It is important to demonstrate how the research align with sustainable energy, environment, climate change or biodiversity.

The file to be submitted should meet the following requirements:

- Maximum of **600 words.**
- Your name at the top right corner of the page in the format "Surname, First name"
- 12pt Times New Roman font
- Single-spaced, with no more than six lines of type per inch
- All text should be black, and no images required