**University College Cork**

**School of Applied Psychology**

**Doctor of Clinical Psychology**

**Feedback Form – Dissertation Research Project Proposal**

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| Trainee: |  |
| Supervisor: |  |
| Project Title: |  |

**Research Panel Decision**

The Dissertation Research Project should report on *original* research, which *advances the knowledge base* related to Clinical psychology, and should be of *publishable* standard. Typically this research will address a *conceptual* issue and results should be *generalisable* – rather than only pertain to a host service for example.

Please circle ONE of the following decisions:

Pass unconditionally

Pass conditional on required revisions

Currently not passable; revise and resubmit

Not competent / passable; a different project proposal is required

**Feedback and any revisions required (Please consider each of the following as a guide):**

Assessors are asked to consider the following aspects of the project in their comments. The project encompasses both Study 1 and Study 2. Assessors will consider the project with consideration to research ethics and research integrity, as well as research quality and feasibility.

**Background/Rationale:**

* Is a coherent argument made for why this question is worth pursuing?
* Is the rationale evident for both Study 1 and Study 2? Are Study 1 and Study conceptually linked?
* Does the proposal adequately contextualise the proposed project (including of Study 1 and Study 2)?
* Does the proposal clearly outline the research question/s, aim/s, and objectives of the project?
* Is the rationale developed on sufficient theoretical or evidentiary base?

**Methods:**

* Does the proposal clearly outline the methods (design, participants, instruments, procedures)?
* Are the details of the methods y sufficiently well defined? This includes description of instruments, research design, plans for data analysis, statement of statistical power, participant inclusion/exclusion criteria, recruitment strategies etc.
* If one of the studies is a systematic review or meta-analysis, is sufficient information on search strategy and criteria, quality assessment checklists and procedures, data extraction and synthesis etc been considered and sufficiently described?
* Are the methods appropriate for Study 1 and Study 2?

**Project Timetable:**

* The project timetable must include both Study 1 and 2.
* Is there a clear and feasible plan for a step-by-step process to be completed by the deadline? It may be useful to include Ganntt chart/project timelines with task deadlines.

**Feasibility and Viability:**

* Is the methodology likely to be feasible (e.g. participant number/accessibility, research burden, participant burden, etc.)?
* Are the resources needed available, or a plan described on how they will be accessed ( e.g. need for immunoassay equipment, specialised technical support)?
* Have any risks to project been identified and contingency plans described?

**Dissemination/Presentation:**

* Is the dissemination plan appropriate?
* Have opportunities for stakeholder contribution/engagement been considered? Note – this may not be a consideration for all projects.

**Other:**

* Is the proposal clearly written?
* Is the existing evidence base adequately and correctly interpreted and described? Has any relevant evidence been overlooked?
* Is there project overall of sufficient depth/breadth to meet the requirements of research training and the programme?
* Are Studies 1 and 2 balanced with consideration of feasibility, scope and depth?
* Are the studies described in the project of relevance to clinical psychology?