

## **Guidelines for Proposal Writing for Entry to SALISES MPhil/PhD Programme**

The following outlines the structure and content for proposal to be submitted by applicants to SALISES MPhil/PhD Programme. The proposal should be written using a word processing program and should be no more than five pages long.

The proposal should be structured as follows:

### **Title of Proposed Research Project**

**Introduction**, which should include background to the issue(s) under examination, the specific focus of the research, including broad research questions, and the intended objective of the research.

**Justification of the research and Potential Research Outcomes**, which would suggest why the research is worthwhile and indicate the potential contribution the research will make.

**Research Design and Methods**, which should include: research questions to be addressed; a clear presentation of whether the approach will be qualitative, quantitative or mixed; outline of the research sphere (geographic focus, populations/groups of interest); specific data gathering methods to be employed. This is indicative and may well change once the supervisory process get under way.

### **Bibliography**

The research proposal will be assessed by potential supervisors on the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the proposed study to SALISES's general research agenda
2. The availability of a supervisor at SALISES
3. The feasibility of the proposed research design and methods
4. Overall quality writing and presentation