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# University Focus Area Forms

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIVERSITY FOCUS AREA**

<b>PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOCUS AREA</b> <i>To be completed for each proposed University Focus Area</i>							
<b>1. SUMMARY DETAILS OF PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOCUS AREA</b>							
Title							
<b>Is the proposed University Focus Area a continuation of a previously approved NRF Activity Area?</b>  <i>Please tick the appropriate box</i>				Yes		No	
If YES, does it represent:  <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>	Major adjustments		Minor adjustments		No adjustments		
If YES, please give the title of the previous NRF Activity Area  _____  _____							
<b>2. DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEADER OF UNIVERSITY FOCUS AREA</b>							
<b>Name (Surname, Title, Initials)</b>							
<b>Position in University</b>							
<b>Highest Qualification</b>		Year obtained		Awarding institution			
<b>Field of research</b>							

**Research track record**

Give a brief résumé of research activities to date

**Research track record continued**

Give full references of your research outputs over the past five years

Postgraduate student training record over past five years

Number of students supervised at

Masters level

Completed

Current

Doctoral level

Completed

Current

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOCUS AREA

#### Focus

*Briefly describe the specific focus of the proposed University Focus Area*

#### Focus

#### Rationale and Motivation

*Briefly describe the rationale and scope of the proposed University Focus Area (nature of research to be undertaken, purpose, institutional position regionally and nationally, and a brief assessment of the current status of the University Focus Area)*

#### Rationale and Scope

#### Institutional position

**Current Status**

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**Envisaged relevance**

*Briefly describe the relevance of the proposed research to industry and society and the envisaged impact of the research within and outside the institution*

**Objectives of the proposed University Focus Area**

*Briefly indicate the specific research and other objectives of the University Focus Area*

**Current & Envisaged projects within the proposed University Focus Area***Give a summary of current and proposed research projects*

No	Descriptive Title	Is this a current or envisaged project

**Available Infrastructure***Give a brief outline of the available infrastructure to support the University Focus Area*


**4. PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOCUS AREA****4.1 Staff members currently actively involved in University Focus Area**

Name	Department	Qualification	Discipline e.g. Chemistry	Linked to Project No listed above

**4.2 Staff members who could potentially/plan to become involved in the University Focus Area**



Name	Department	Qualification	Discipline e.g. Chemistry	Linked to Project No listed above

<b>4.3 Current and envisaged partnerships/collaboration</b>			
<b>Name of collaborator/ group</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Nature of collaboration</b>	<b>Is the collaboration Current or Envisaged</b>

<b>4.4 Current and Potential Student involvement</b>				
List the number of current and potential students involvement in the proposed University Focus Area				
<b>Year</b>	<b>BTech</b>	<b>MTech</b>	<b>DTech</b>	<b>PostDoc</b>
2002				
2003 (potential)				
2004 (potential)				

<b>5. FUNDING PLAN</b>		
Provide proposed overall budget figures and sources of funding for the proposed University Focus Area for 2002 and 2003		
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
University		
Other sources (specify)		

## 6. DECLARATION BY FACULTY

The University Focus Area identified forms part of the Faculty research plans, and is hereby supported. If the Executive Committee of the Central Research Committee provisionally approves the University Focus Area, the Faculty will support it and the projects within it.

**Focus Area Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Designation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head of Department:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson of Faculty Research Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dean of Faculty:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use:**

**Dean: Research** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved at the Executive Committee of the Central Research Committee held on

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