**Outlining your research proposal (Template 2)**

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| **Research motivation:** | *Briefly write down the problem statement that your research wants to tackle and why is it important?* | A good problem statement:   * Is direct and to the point * Gives a very brief context about the problem (what do we already know about the area of work?) |
| **Research Aim and objectives:** | *Write down what you want to achieve through your research* | A good research aim:   * provides an overview of your end goal. * is what you are aspiring to do through your research. * Usually start with a verb (e.g. explore, identify, evaluate, test,…) |
| **Research Question:** | *Write down the questions you will ask to meet your research aim* | A good research question is:   * is specific and achievable * clearly links back to your research aim * is an open question starting with who, what, why, where, how and should not be framed as a yes/no question. |
| **Research Methods:** | *Select what type of research approach and tools you will use to answer your research question. You can select more than one.*     * Quantitative (e.g. surveys used to quantify) * Qualitative (e.g. interviews, focus groups) * Co-design (e.g. conducting workshops to bring together people to design a prototype) * Archival (e.g. studying and analysing films stored in archives) * Participatory Action Research (e.g. working with a group to conduct research where they are co-researchers) * Ethnographic (e.g. observing how people interact with something) * Other: | There are a lot of different methods appropriate to the methodology.  Your methods (data collection tools) and choice of methodology will evolve as you develop your research aims and questions.  How does it engage with Citizen and relevant stakeholders. |
| **Relevance to Citizen-Centred AI** | *How does the proposed research reconcile AI's technical capabilities with citizen centric needs and concerns, by building capability and capacity to design AI products, systems and services that seamlessly connect people and their data to government, industry and organisations, in ways that foreground citizens' needs, rights, and aspirations?*  *How does the proposed research contribute to a new framing of the relationship between citizens, AI and the state/organisations/services?* | One of the most important sections of your application.  It is very important to be clear and explicit here.  Be clear how the research is important for society and our world(s) and how it would impact human/non-human citizens. |