The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment Student Affairs Office

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## **MSc Thesis Research Plan Format**

## The first page will include the following details:

- Title: At the top of the page: "MSc Thesis Working Plan Being Submitted for Approval"
- Below the title:
  - Date of submission of research plan
  - Student's full name
  - Student number
  - Academic department
  - Research supervisor's full name
  - Thesis title
  - Animal testing declaration (see paragraph g below)
  - Research plan approval: include the date and signatures of the student, research supervisor and the head of the academic department.

## The next pages (no more than 10 pages) will include the thesis plan in the following format:

- Thesis title.
- Presentation of the research topic. This section briefly describes the topic the student is requesting to research. The presentation must be clear to a professional who is not involved in the specific topic. It will include a supporting literary survey.
- Research objectives. This section details the research hypotheses and objectives.
- Research stages. This section briefly describes the research stages and methods
  the student will employ during the course of the research, including an estimated
  timeline.
- Bibliography.
- The student will specify which part of the research he/she will conduct.
- A student planning to conduct human and/or animal testing as part of the thesis must comply with Ethical Use of Laboratory Animals in Research and receive formal authorization, as per the Animal Welfare Law.

Two copies of the research plan, printed double-sided and signed by the research supervisor, are to be submitted to the head of the academic department for approval no later than the registration period of your third semester. The academic department secretariat will submit them to the Student Affairs Office.