## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Candidates will be examined orally.

The oral examination will be assessed as follows:

- 1. Research project (max 30 points)
  - Candidates' ability to describe appropriately aims, objectives and research methodology of their proposed research and its expected outcomes (10 points)
  - Originality and innovation of the proposed research (10 points)
  - Relevance of the proposed research topic to the PhD programme and its feasibility in 3 years (10 points)
- 2. Oral examination (max 30 points): Examiners will ascertain the candidates' competence in their chosen subject area and knowledge of the fundamental research tools necessary to carry out advanced research in their chosen subject area.

Candidates will pass their oral examination if they score at least 40/60 marks combining the marks awarded to their research project AND their oral examination. The minimum score required to be admitted to the PhD programme is 40/60.