1. **Background:**

***Using only this page****, please give the context for the proposal by summarising in plain English the state of knowledge in the field and any research you have undertaken in this area.*

*Please delete these instructions*

1. **Overall aim(s) of the research:**

*Please state,* ***in one page or less****, the general goals and objectives of the research proposal. Emphasise how the research will create potential benefits to New Zealand and advance knowledge.*

*Please delete these instructions*

1. **Proposed research:**

*Using the following* ***two pages****, describe the proposed research including where appropriate, the hypotheses being tested, the methodology that will be used, sampling design, methods of data analysis and major milestones.*

*Please delete these instructions*

1. **References:**

*Using* ***only this page****, list the bibliographical or other references, including full titles, used in any of the above sections.*

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1. **Why do you want to do this project?**

*Please outline,* ***in half a page or less****, why you want to do this project in the context of how you intend to develop your future research career. The Trustees of the Rutherford Foundation would ‘normally’ expect applicants to pursue their research opportunities with a new research group and ‘mentor’. If required, please state clearly why continuation of your research with your current host is most beneficial to your future research career.*

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1. **Timetable:**

***In half a page or less****, please describe in general terms the anticipated course of the research programme, including timelines for the milestones described in section 7. It is acknowledged that this timetable may change as the research progresses.*

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1. **Full list of publications:** Please list first-authored and co-authored publications in peer-reviewed publications. Other articles such as popular features may be listed under a separate heading stating the nature of the publications.