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Brief overview of the Thesis topic: This proposal is drawing on from my own area of interest in the development of Culinary Arts curriculum and design. Since the transition from Regional Technological Colleges under the administration of Fáilte Ireland to the Institutes of Technological, having been granted their own autonomy for the development of programmes.

In 2000 Fáilte Ireland published the Benchmark Report in Best Practice, the future of Culinary Education, I feel it is time that investigation of new curriculum is undertaken to evaluate how near of far it is from the report.

The research questions are:

What are the Factors that have influenced the Development of the BA (Hons) in Culinary Arts in Technological University Dublin, since the formation of the Institute of Technologies in 2006?

What is the historical context?

How does the Technological University Dublin course compare to the Fáilte Ireland benchmark report?