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Instructions for writing a research plan

The student prepares the plan with his/her supervisors, and it must be approved by them. The research plan must cover the entire doctoral dissertation and it should be written in English with a maximum length of 3 pages (excluding references).

The research plan should include the following structure and information:

1. Title of the research and the name and contact information of the postgraduate student

2. Agreed supervisors (and their units)

3. Background and aims of the research

- A short description of earlier research related to the topic
- Research premise, aims and objectives
- Research questions and/or hypotheses
- Expected scientific and societal impact of research

4. Work plan and its schedule

A work plan and schedule for the PhD research and dissertation (incl. estimated time for dissertation submission and dissertation/graduation)

- In article dissertations¹, the work plan structure should comply to the thesis publication plan. If some parts/sub-studies of the dissertation have already been done, please show it in your work plan and schedule
- The working plan should include a short description of the materials and methods, the availability of the needed research infrastructures as well as collaboration and possible international mobility.
- Ethical issues

¹ Article dissertation consist of an introduction and 3-4 journal articles

5. Funding plan

- Other available funding for the research, and additional funding to be applied from different funding sources (excluding position/salary funding to be applied in this call)

6. References