RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

The Research Proposal should be completed as a word file. Once complete, please save it as a PDF file and upload it on the application portal, alongside the other required documents. The file name should be in this format: **‘Full name of applicant\_Proposal’**.

Please, write or paste the text into “Write the name/title/summary/chapter/list here” text block. There

is one text block for each section. Notice that you cannot format the text, and that there are character limitations in each section. Please, include the given subheadings.

The font used in text boxes to be filled in is Times New Roman at a size of 12 point; side margins of 1.5 cm; and minimum single spacing.

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**Full Name of the Applicant** Write your full name here

**Title of the Research Project** Write the title here

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SUMMARY OF THE RESARCH PROPOSAL (max 2500 characters with spaces)

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1 EXCELLENCE OF THE APPLICANT(max 3000 characters with spaces)

*In this section, write about your personal excellence as a Postdoc Fellow applicant, especially in light of the research that you propose to carry out during the 36 months work period in the programme. Do not include everything in your full CV, which will be evaluated together with this section.*

* **Academic and Professional Background**Describe your educational qualifications, work experience, and achievements that are most relevant to your research proposal.
* **Research and Publications**Detail your publications, patents, or other scientific and practical contributions that are most relevant to your research proposal.
* **Engagement and Innovations**Describe any innovations, entrepreneurship, teaching experience, leadership and supervision roles, and forms of academic and practitioner targeted dissemination you have been involved with that are relevant to your research proposal.
* **International Collaborations and Networks Relevant to this Research Proposal**Detail your involvement in international networks and collaborations, and awards and grants received that are relevant to your research proposal.

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2 EXCELLENCE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT (max 5000 characters with spaces)

*In this section, write about the excellence of the research project you propose to carry out during a postdoctoral fellowship of 36 months in the NOVEL programme.*

* **Background and State of the Art in Prior Research on the Topic**
* **Research Gap**Based on what is known in prior research, what is the research gap that your project contributes to?
* **Relevance of the Research**Why is this research needed?
* **Research Design** (this applies to Research areas 3 and 4 in CALL 2 only)  
  Describe the type of study proposed (e.g., case study, comparative study, survey, etc.)
* **Research Aims and Spesific Research Questions**Describe the aim of the research, and the specific research questions and/or hypotheses.
* **Teoretical Framework** (this applies to Research areas 3 and 4 in CALL 2 only)  
  Shortly outline the theoretical concepts and theoretical approaches you plan to use.
* **Originality and Novelty** Explain the originality and the ambition level of novelty in your research.
* **Adherence to Open Science Principles**Describe how your project adheres to these principles.
* **Strategic Alignment**Describe how your project fits:
  + - strategically with the UEF strategic research area of Aging, lifestyles and health
    - one or several the NOVEL research areas Prevention and Care, Data and Methods, Innovation in Society, and Ethics and Wellbeing).
    - with the research group(s) that have provided a Letter of Support for your application.

**2 EXCELLENCE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT**

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**3 IMPACT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT AND RELATED ISSUES**   
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*In this section, write about the scientific and societal impact of the research project you propose to carry out during a postdoctoral fellowship of 36 months in the NOVEL programme.*

* **Scientific and Societal Breakthrough Potential**Describe the potential scientific and sociateal impacts and breakthroughs that your research aims to achieve.
* **Describe how your plan is interdisciplinary** (within and across different areas of neuroscience, clinical science, data science, innovation management, health economics or social-leagal studies).
* **Exploitation and Dissemination**Detail your strategies for the exploitation and dissemination of research results to both academic and non-academic audiences.
* **Intersectoral secondments and networking**  
  Outline initial plans for your compulsory intersectoral secondment (2-6 months) with our partner. You can also outline initial plans for the optional secondments (2-6 months) and short visits, if applicable. Please, consult our website <https://sites.uef.fi/novel> for partners and modes of secondmends.   
  Describe other networking plans important for your research and career development.
* **Career Impact**Explain how the project, including mobility and networking plans, will contribute to your longer term career aspirations, and enhance your professional growth.   
  Describe the value of your research and networking plans to the NOVEL Postdoc Fellow community.

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4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT (max 2000 characters, with spaces)

*In this section, write about the implementation of the research project you propose to carry out during a postdoctoral fellowship of 36 months in the NOVEL programme.*

* **Work Plan**Provide a detailed description of research project activities and work packages, milestones, deliverables, research data and methods.
* **Timeline**   
  Provide a timeline of the research project tasks and add a Gantt chart into the Appendix 1 for charts and figures.
* **Resource Allocation and Feasibility** Describe all resources needed for the research project including consumables, equipment, datasets, software, laboratory facilities, supervision expertise, etc.). Assess the overall feasibility of the research project within the 36-month timeframe.
* **What additional input and supervision are needed to refine the research plan if the project starts?**You may not be fully aware of all datasets, resources, and other support that are relevant to your research and available within the research group or the Neuro Research Community. Here, you can elaborate on the type of input and information you would need to further refine and develop your research plan.
* **Project Management and Risk Assessment**Outline the project management structure, goals and tasks. Describe any potential risks along with mitigation strategies.

4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

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**REFERENCE LIST** (max 2000 characters, with spaces)

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**APPENDIX 1**

**PLACE FOR THE GANTT CHART AND FOR ANOTHER POTENTIAL CHART, PICTURE OR FIGURE**

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**Write here a description for the Gantt Cart**

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