

Guidelines for writing a dissertation research plan

The recommended length for the research plan is no more than 10 pages, including figures and tables but excluding the one-page abstract. The type size should be at least 12 point.

When relevant, the research plan shall be organized as follows:

I Abstract (on a separate sheet, detached from other documents). The abstract is the most important appendix in the research plan. It is a public document. The abstract should detail the main points regarding the project, in the following order:

- Name and contact information of the researcher
- Title of the project
- Objective and brief description of the project (the most important item in the abstract).

II Table of contents, including page numbers

III Background

- Background and significance of the research nationally and internationally
- Previous research and experience pertaining to the topic of the project (including a list of the researcher's five most important publications relevant to the topic)
- Post-graduate studies undertaken, if applicable.

IV Objectives and methods

- Objectives of the research
- Hypotheses and research methods
- As precise schedule, or timetable, for the research as possible
- Ethical questions pertaining the project

V Researchers and resources

- Composition of the research team, if applicable, and its division of labour, as well as the possible division of the research among different sites
- Links of the project with other research carried out by the researchers on the team, if applicable.
- Research environment (including equipment)
- Financial plan for the project.

VI Results

- Expected results and their significance, including date of graduation
- Practical applicability of research results
- Publication and other dissemination of research results

VII Dissertation format

- Art or design production
- Written dissertation.