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Description of the research project – research proposal – fellowship

Please keep the proposal short – maximum 5 pages.

1. Context

Provide a general description of your field of research and its application.

- You may draw on a particular research tradition or discourse or describe the literature in a particular applied area. Who have been the major players and what is the state of art research within your area/areas? Sometimes there may be two or more areas of the research literature which are relevant to your research. If so, you need to introduce the relevant concepts and issues from each one
- Write about these concepts and research findings in such a way that you demonstrate that there is a substantial existing literature which you will be drawing on, and that you have a working knowledge and understanding of that literature
- Introduce and define the most important concepts, distinctions, principles, and theories which will form the basis of the conceptual framework within which your research question makes sense
- If relevant, present and discuss shortly knowledge needs in the practical field
- If the PhD-project is part of a larger research project, please situate your project within the that project and explain how your project contributes to theory, context and/or methods of that project.

Based on the above, formulate the *research problem* your project will address.

2. Objectives of the research project

Describe the *objectives of your research project and/or formulate temporary research question(s),* with reference to current knowledge within the field and the research problem. Describe the relevance of your project and explain how it might contribute to the development of your chosen field.

3. Methods

Discuss and describe your research design and methods, and explain, with reference to methods literature, how your research design and methods provides a means to answering the research questions or objectives of your project.

Describe:

- Your proposed research design
- How you plan to collect, process, and analyse the data

4. Ethical aspects of your study

- Describe possible conflict of interests
- Describe ethical aspects of planning, collecting and analysing data
- Describe privacy concerns (including GDPR issues)