

Nord University Business School

Template for research proposal (project description)– application for a position as a research fellow

The short project description should not exceed 2,000 words/not exceed five pages (excluding footnotes, schedule, and literature).

The applicant should write the project description in a way that is informative to a researcher in the relevant field of the project. The project description should demonstrate that the candidate is most likely able to contribute significantly to an answer or clarification of the research questions/topics asked within the PhD positions announced.

If you apply for several research themes, you should provide a separate project description for each of them. Outline clearly what is new and original in comparison with previous research.

Introduction

- A brief explanation of the aims of the project, and the issues that you will work on.

Outline of the research, including research problem/research question(s)

- A description of the “state-of-the-art” research within the project’s research field, and then identify the potential research questions of your project.

Theory

- Introduce the theoretical framework of the project and justify your choice.

Methodology

- Give a short explanation of the methods/data you will use in your project.

Work plan

- Present the work plan (brief) describes the main phases of the project, including scheduling the elements of the PhD program

References