

PhD in Science of Professions

Guidelines for the project description – application for admission

Name of applicant:

Project title: *Must describe the project topic.*

Proposal for main supervisor: *Must comply with formal requirements for supervision at PhD level – see Section 7.2 of the Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at Nord University.*

Co-supervisor(s):

Faculty:

The project outline must be written in a Scandinavian language or English (maximum 10 pages excluding the cover page, bibliography, tables and figures).

The italicised information text must be removed before submission.

Introduction

- *Provide a brief introduction to the project and its topic and describe why the research question/topic is relevant and important. State the type of thesis: monograph or articles.*

Background and knowledge status

- *Give an updated overview of the knowledge status in the field, both nationally and internationally. ‘Knowledge status’ refers to research-based knowledge, but experience-based professional knowledge should also be included if this is relevant for the project. Describe the project’s contribution to the knowledge status in the area in question.*

Research problem, theoretical basis and methodology

- *The research problems must be concrete and formulated in a language that is understandable to generalists in the discipline. The research problem (including the research questions) must specify, define and refine the topic.*
- *Give a brief account of the project’s theoretical framework and how the theory can be applied to elucidate the research problem.*
- *Describe the methodological approach to be used in the project. This must include a description of the data (e.g. primary and secondary sources, field work, interviews, statistics) to be used, as well as of how the data collection and analysis will be*

undertaken. These descriptions must be sufficiently detailed to permit assessment of the application.

Implementation of the project

- *Give an account of the budget and funding, and how you intend to carry out the project. The project must be deemed academically and organisationally realistic and feasible within the nominal time of study and in terms of planned resource use.*
- *Attach a progress plan (sorted by semester) for the implementation of activities, including mandatory training courses, internationalisation, seminars (start-up, midway and final seminars), publishing/output, completion of the work, etc.*
- *For article-based thesis: state the preliminary titles of the articles and the names of journals in which you plan to publish the articles.*
- *Attach a data management plan.*

Academic and strategic basis for the project

- *Give an account of the academic and scientific platform for your project – at your own institution, but also nationally and internationally, relevant collaboration partners and research networks.*
- *Give an account of the project's strategic connection with Nord University, Nord's research strategy and the PhD programme in Science of Professions.*
- *Give an account of the project's relevance to society, for example its ability to provide knowledge that can help address key challenges in the public sector, industry or civil society. Societal relevance can be seen in a regional, national or international perspective.*

Research ethics

- *Give an account of research ethics issues associated with the implementation of the project and how these will be addressed. The checklists drawn up by the Norwegian National Research Ethics Committees should be consulted during the preparation of the application:*
 - *For projects in the areas of social science, law and the humanities:*
<https://www.etikkom.no/forskningsetiske-retningslinjer/Samfunnsvitenskap-jusoq-humaniora/>
 - *For projects that are subjected to the Health Research Act:*
<https://www.etikkom.no/forskningsetiskeretningslinjer/Medisin-og-helse/>
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- *If the implementation of the project is dependent on approvals from or collaboration with public agencies or private individuals beyond what is normally covered by the duty of notification to the Norwegian Centre for Research Data or the Regional Committee of Medical and Health Research Ethics, these must be described in the attachment. In such cases, approvals should have been obtained and be attached to the application. Further reference is made to the university's PhD handbook and the Regulations for the Degree of Philosophiae Doctor at Nord University.*

The project's relevance in relation to the PhD in Science of Professions: language, relationships and actions

- *Give a brief account of how the project is related to the science of professions and one or more of the focus areas of language, relationships and actions (refer to documents where these are described).*

Research output plan

- *Give a brief account of planned output in addition to the thesis (e.g. popular science articles, papers, posters, workshops, feature articles etc.).*

References

- *APA 7 or another recognised referencing style.*