## **Template for project description**

**NOTE:**

**The project description should be 5-10 pages including references, unless otherwise specified in the announcement. NB! The italicized help texts (including boxes) must be removed prior to handing in the project description.**

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| Name of applicant |  |
| Project title | *The title should provide information about the topic of the thesis* |
| PhD-programme |  |
| Suggested main supervisor | *Supervisors must fulfill the requirements to supervise at the doctoral level: Doctoral degree and/or appointed full professor, as well as being an active researcher* |
| Possible co-supervisor(s) | *It is not necessary to have this ready when applying for a position* |
| Department | *The project must be affiliated with one of the departments at the Faculty of Humanities* |
| Research group/network | *State the relevant research group/network at the Faculty* |

## 1. Project background

**Background and knowledge status**

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| *The applicant must document appropriate understanding of the research field, both nationally and internationally. The originality of the project, its innovativeness and relevance to other research in the field should be evident from the proposal. The proposal should indicate how the project may supplement previous research and contribute to new knowledge.* |

**Research questions, theoretical foundation and choice of methods**

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| *Research questions and/or hypotheses should be presented concisely and in a linguistic form that is understandable to generalists in the field. The research question should define, delimit and confine the topic.*  *The applicant must provide a short description of the theoretical framework for the research topic and provide an account of how theory may be applied in the exploration of the questions raised. The proposal has to offer adequate information to support the appropriateness of the choice of methods and theories with regard to addressing the research questions, or it must demonstrate that there is good potential to develop necessary methods and theory.*  *The project’s research design and methodological approach should be presented and discussed. This means that the empirical basis of the project (for instance primary and secondary sources, fieldwork, interviews, statistical information) should be described, together with information about how data will be collected and analyzed.*  *When relevant, questions regarding multi- and interdisciplinarity should be addressed.* |

2. Project plan

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| *The project description should contain a detailed description of how the project will be carried out.*  *An account of the planned project implementation must be provided. The project must be realistic and feasible; scientifically, organizationally and in relation to planned use of resources. The project description must include a progress plan that demonstrates how the project can be completed in the designated time frame, i.e. 3 years full-time study, including ½ year of coursework.*  *The project description must also account for how the applicant will fulfill the demands of the project if the project requires skills that are not apparent from the rest of the application (language, methods etc.)* |

## 3. Relevance

**Academic relevance**

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| *The project must be placed academically at the institution and in a national and international context.* |

**Strategic relevance**

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| *Account for how the project relates to NTNU’s and the Faculty of Humanities’ strategic objectives and plans.*  *When relevant, the project’s relevance and benefit to society should be accounted for. For instance, it should be stated whether the project would help provide knowledge that will be useful for meeting important challenges in the public sector, industry or civil society. This may be placed in a regional, national, international or global context*. |

## 4. Ethical considerations

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| *It must be considered whether there are any ethical questions related to the implementation of the project. If that is the case, a description of how these will be addressed must be included. The checklist issued by the national committee for research ethics may be useful in this regard:* <https://www.etikkom.no/en/ethical-guidelines-for-research/guidelines-for-research-ethics-in-the-social-sciences--humanities-law-and-theology/> |

5. Dissemination plan

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| *A brief account of planned communication of research outcomes, apart from the dissertation itself. If the doctoral thesis will be written as a collection of articles, an overview of possible publication outlets should be provided.* |