

Guidelines for the Research Proposal

Pursuant to § 3(1)(e) of the Doctoral Regulations of 11 March 2026, applications for admission to doctoral studies must include a research proposal as well as a work plan and timeline for the doctoral project.

The research proposal must present the planned dissertation project in both content and methodological terms. It must also include a work plan and timeline.

The research proposal should include the following elements:

- General information: first name, last name, date of birth, working title of the project, doctoral subject area
- Description of the dissertation project, including a clear research question, where possible
- Overview of the current state of research
- Presentation of the intended methods, insofar as they can already be anticipated at the time of application
- Relevant literature
- Tabular work plan and timeline

The research proposal must be signed by both the applicant and the supervisor.

For applications for admission to doctoral studies with a bachelor's degree under the aptitude assessment procedure pursuant to § 2(1)(e) of the Doctoral Regulations of 11 March 2026 (Annex 1), a research proposal of 15 pages is required.