

Research proposal - template

Template for research proposals in connection with applications for a PhD position or admission to the PhD programme at the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research.

All research proposals must be based on this template. Research proposals must not exceed 16 000 characters including spaces.

Title of the project

1. **Main objective and summary of the project**

(Present the main objective of your project and a brief summary, explaining how you intend to attain this goal. The purpose is to give the reader sufficient information to decide whether the project is of interest.)

2. **Background to the project**

(Provide a brief account of the existing knowledge in the field the project is part of and show how the project will contribute to new knowledge. Explain how your project is relevant to the research at NIKU – for individual researchers, research groups or projects.)

3. **Theoretical framework**

(Outline the theoretical foundation of the project and the reasons you have chosen this particular foundation.)

4. **Research question(s) and expected findings (hypothesis)**

(Describe the question(s) you want to answer through your project, and briefly outline what answer(s) you expect to find on the basis of previous research and theoretical background. Your research questions and hypotheses should focus and delimit the topic.)

5. **Method**

(Give an account of the methodological foundation for your project and any research-ethical problems linked to the project. Describe the underlying data and source material that will be used and how these will be collected and analyzed)

6. **Proposed dissemination**

(Outline your proposed outputs: your plans for communicating / publishing your doctoral project – articles, monographs, lectures, etc.)

7. **Progress plan**

(Outline briefly how you intend to organize your doctoral work over the three years, including important milestones and any planned or anticipated periods of field work. We do not expect you to know about individual courses, seminars, etc. that will be included in the training component.)

8. **Budget**

(Applicants who apply for partial funding towards a Dr. Philos should set up a realistic budget that includes salary and other expenses spread over a maximum of three years.)

9. **Affiliation and supervision**

(Suggest an university or universities that have scholarly milieus with a focus relevant for your project and to which you may be affiliated, including names of researchers who might function as supervisors.)

Total: no more than 16,000 characters (including spaces). It is up to you to decide how they are distributed among the different sections of the research proposal.

In addition, your research proposal may also include:

- **Literature references** (max 3,000 characters)

(The reference list must be sorted alphabetically by author.)