



RESEARCH PLAN GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME KEVEKO

(total length 8-12 pages)

Note! The Doctoral Programme KEVEKO is mainly for producing dissertations based on articles published in national or international scientific journals.

If the dissertation will be written in English, it is recommended that the research plan is also written in English.

Please write your research plan carefully according to the guidelines below. The research plan should not exceed 12 pages (including all tables and references).

1) Name of applicant

2) Title of the research

3) Background to the study (2-3 pages)

- Theoretical basis of the research.
- How the research relates to previous research (review of key literature).
- Scientific/societal relevance of the research.

4) Objectives and research questions (about 1 page)

- Research objectives and research questions.
- Hypotheses, where relevant.

5) Research methods, materials and ethical issues (2-4 pages)

- Description of the research methods, explaining how they contribute to answering the research questions, testing possible hypotheses or supporting the chosen perspective.
- Collection and processing of data.
- Ethical issues related to the research topic, methods and data.
- Risk management: critical points for the success of the project and alternative ways of implementation.
- Commitment to the University of Turku's data policy (<https://www.utu.fi/en/research/open-science/open-data>), and relating one's own research to this policy.

6) Implementation: timetable, financial plan and publications (1 page)

- Timetable for the research work (including annual sub-objectives for the doctoral dissertation).



- Publication plan (plan for sub-publications of an article dissertation).
- Plan for financing doctoral studies.

7) Cooperation and mobility plan (½-1 page)

- Key national and international cooperation.
- National and/or international visits related to the conduct of research and doctoral studies.
- Justification for the importance of cooperation: how visits or work periods elsewhere will contribute to the implementation of the research plan.

8) Impact of the research (½-1 page)

- Expected scientific and societal impact of the research.
- The applicability and potential for utilisation of the research results.
- Publication and dissemination of research results to the scientific community and the public.

9) List of references