



## RESEARCH PLAN INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS OF KEVEKO DOCTORAL PPROGRAMME

(8–12 pages)

In writing your research plan, follow very carefully the structure and instructions given below. The length of the research plan may not exceed 12 pages (including all tables and references). If the instructions are not followed, it can lead to the rejection of the application.

1. Name of applicant

2. Title of research

3. Background of the research (2–3 pages)

- significance of the research and theoretical background
- previous research pertaining to the topic and how the research project links to it

4. Objectives and research questions (about 1 page)

- objectives of the research
- hypotheses if relevant

5. Research methods and material, ethical issues (2-3 pages)

- research material, and how it will be used and stored
- research methods to be used, described so as to explain how they will contribute to answering the research questions
- ethical issues related to research methods and material (e.g. ethical governance procedures, informed consent, anonymity of subjects and research permits or information on pending permit applications)
- risk management: critical points in the research, alternative ways to implement the project
- please indicate commitment to the Data policy of the University of Turku. (See <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/open-science/research-data-and-data-policy>)

6. Implementation: timetable and budget (1 page)

- timetable for the research
  - If the research is conducted alongside of other work/part-time, the plan must include the time resources available for conducting the research (hours/year) and how the resources are managed so that the research will progress according to the presented schedule.
- funding plan for doctoral studies and costs of the research
- publication plan (a plan about publishing the articles of an article-based dissertation)

7. Plan for collaboration and mobility (less than 1 page)

- national and international collaboration
- planned visits abroad related to research and doctoral studies
- justifications for mobility



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8. Expected results and possible risks (less than 1 page)

- expected scientific and societal impact of the research
- potential for scientific breakthroughs
- publishing of results and raising awareness among the scientific community and the general public

9. Bibliography (1-2 pages)