

Kristiania University College

Description of the research project - research proposal

This description applies to both the preliminary short proposal related to applications for Research Fellow positions at Kristiania and to the extended proposal related to applications for admission to the PhD program. Since the requirements differ for the two types of proposal, topics related to positions are marked 'P' and topics related to admission are marked 'A'. The length and depth of the two types of proposal differ also.

Check applicable box: Preliminary proposal for Position Final proposal for Admission

PhD candidate:	
Title of thesis:	
Main supervisor:	
Date:	

1. Background (P&A)

Provide a general description of your field of research and its application.

- You may draw on a particular research tradition or discourse or describe the literature in a particular applied area. Who have been the major players and what is the state of art research within your area/areas? Sometimes there may be two or more areas of the research literature which are relevant to your research. If so, you need to introduce the relevant concepts and issues from each one
- Write about these concepts and research findings in such a way that you demonstrate that there is a substantial existing literature which you will be drawing on, and that you have a working knowledge and understanding of that literature
- Introduce and define the most important concepts, distinctions, principles and theories which will form the basis of the conceptual framework within which your research question makes sense
- If the PhD-project is a part of larger research project, the background and research methods must be in accordance with the research project

On the basis of the above, and perhaps also input from the practical field, formulate the research problem your project will address.

2. Objectives of the research project (P&A)

Describe the objectives of your research project and/or formulate your research question(s), with reference to current knowledge within the field and the research problem. Describe the relevance of your project and demonstrate how it will address the nature of your PhD programme and how it might contribute to the development of your chosen field.

