

Study and research plan with PhD application

Appendix with application for doctoral studies at the School of Humanities

Information about the applicant, the supervisor and the intended project

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| Student | |
| ID-number* | |
| Supervisor | |
| Tutor** | |
| Faculty | |
| Start of study | |
| Title of thesis | |

*Icelandic ID number, if applicable.

**Only if the supervisor is not among the academic staff of the Faculty.

The University of Iceland does not offer part time PhD programmes. We nevertheless ask applicants to indicate if they intend to pursue their studies full-time or part-time and organise their study plan accordingly. This does not affect the registration of the students but the School of Humanities will consider this in evaluating applications and the progress of PhD students.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full-time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part-time |

Indicate if the thesis will be a single body of work or a collection of articles.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single body of work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Collection of articles |

A well-made study and research plan is an essential part of a good application for doctoral studies. The applicant should develop it in collaboration with the prospective supervisor. The study and research plan has three sections:

1. **Research plan** of up to 5 pages, including a description of the objectives and research questions, state of knowledge and finally an evaluation of the qualification of the applicant to conduct the planned research. Please use the format below. (Note that the bibliography is not included in this part.)
2. **Study plan** (1-2 pages).
3. **Financial plan**. Short description of how the studies will be financed – own financing, loans or grants. If by grants please indicate through which fund (max. one page).
4. **Bibliography** (max. 5 pages).

A clear and precise application is important for the success of the application. It has to be realistic but simultaneously show great ambition, knowledge and interest in the topic of the thesis. For more information see the regulations for doctoral studies at: http://hugvis.hi.is/phd_studies

1. RESEARCH PLAN (max. 5 pages)

Remove the italicized text and put relevant text in its stead.

1.1 Abstract

Short description of the planned thesis (max. 250 words). Note that this description may be published with a list of accepted PhD students.

1.2 Objectives and research questions

Describe the main objectives of the planned research and the research questions it aims at addressing. This part should contain a description of the innovative aspects of the research and how they can impact the research field and society more generally. It should also describe the theoretical approach and methodology as well as the material or data to be used.

1.3 State of knowledge

Describe the state of knowledge in the research field of the doctoral project, in an Icelandic context as well as internationally. What research has already been done and what is already known? Has the applicant already done research in the field? This description must be linked to part 1.2 to make it possible to evaluate the innovative aspects of the proposed research.

1.4 Qualifications of the applicant

Short description of the education and experience of the applicant as it relates to the planned research. If relevant the applicant should address any shortcomings in her or his education and experience and how they will be addressed (e.g. with courses or special training). If relevant this part should also describe access to facilities, materials or data.

2. STUDY PLAN (max. 2 pages)

A study and work plan for 3 years for 180 ECTS programme and 4 years for 240 ECTS programme. (Note that in the Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies the doctoral programme requires 60 ECTS in courses etc. in addition to the 180 ECTS for the thesis. It is not necessary in the application to describe in detail the contents of these 60 ECTS.) If the applicant plans to spend significant time abroad working on the thesis, e.g. if the programme is joint with another university, this should be described in the plan.

It is possible to build the study plan around the planned division of chapters in the thesis. Note also that it will be possible to develop and change these plans once the doctoral programme has been started.

3. FINANCIAL PLAN (max. 1 page)

The applicant must show how the doctoral programme will be financed, i.e. if it will be financed through own means, a loan or with grants / scholarships. If the applicant plans

to finance the studies through grants or scholarships the application should mention the funds that will be applied to. For information, it should be noted that not all doctoral students at the School of Humanities can expect to get a grant or scholarship for their studies.

4. BIBLIOGRAPHY (max. 5 pages)

List of the main sources used in part 1.3 State of knowledge.