# Template for PhD Project Description

The project description must be uploaded as an attachment in your application for admission to the PhD Programme and must follow this template.

The project description should be between 5-10 pages, including the reference list.

Include the following content in your project description:

### Project title

The title should provide key information about the topic of your project.

### Background of the project

This section should provide an overview of the most important research in the field and place the project within the context of research. What is new about the project in relation to existing research in the field? Why is it important?

### Research question and main objective

Present the main research question(s) and/or the main objective(s) of your project. If relevant, explain the hypothesis guiding your project or the expected findings.

### Theoretical framework

Describe the theory or theories that you will use to address the research question(s) and the reasons why you have chosen this theoretical framework.

### Method and material

Give an account of specific methods you will use in the project, how you will collect data or material and/or how this will be analysed. Explain whether the project includes personal data and if it does, you must notify [Sikt](https://sikt.no/) (Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research) about your project prior to data collection.

### Ethical considerations

Describe any research-ethical problems linked to the project.

### Presentation of results/proposed dissemination

Outline your plan for publishing your research (articles, monographs), presenting your findings or articles at academic conferences/workshops, and any plans for research communication (lectures, media etc.).

### Progress plan

Outline how you plan to organise your work. Include any interim deadlines and how the project will be completed in the designated time, i.e., 3 years of full-time study/research including ½ year of coursework. If you plan to study part-time, the progress plan should be described within that time frame. Include information about when you plan to focus on coursework, do fieldwork or be on research leave abroad. If you plan to write an article-based dissertation, state when the articles are expected to be completed.

You should also describe any plans for research cooperation, participation in research networks or collaboration with specific researchers, research groups or institutions.

### Finances

Give an account of any funding needs for the project, including expenses for fieldwork, equipment etc. (excluding your own salary).

### Reference list