

Suggestion for format of the research proposal:

Within 5 months after starting work on their thesis project submit a project proposal of about 1500-2000 words and discuss it with their supervisors. The document is also read by the thesis advisory committee before the meeting and thus needs to be delivered four weeks in advance of the meeting. The proposal should have the following parts:

- An introduction explaining the current state of knowledge in the field, including all up-to-date literature
- The aim of the thesis, pointing out open questions that will be addressed during the thesis and their relevance to the field
- The planned experimental programme, explaining which methods and techniques will be used to tackle the problem and why
- Approximate time plan and mile-stones