

### ***Advice on setting up a research proposal***

The recommended length of a research proposal is 5-15 pages (including figures, tables and bibliography) and its disposition could, for example, be the following:

***1. An abstract covering items 2 - 4 below (maximum one page). The abstract should also include the title of the project, the name of the author and the degree aimed at).***

#### ***2. Project description***

##### ***2.1. Description of the problem area and statement of objective***

(a) A detailed description of the research front within the particular niche of the scientific field you have chosen for your project should be given. The description should include references to relevant sources and lead to a well-structured problem description.

(b) After this the (scientific) objective in relation to the description of the niche and research problem should be stated. Irrespective of the current stage of the project, item 2.1 should be as complete as possible.

##### ***2.2. Operationalization of the objective, description of empirical material and analytical strategy***

(a) The procedure you plan to use, which permits empirical measurement of the problem dimensions that the statement of objective comprises, is described, and

(b) The (proposed) empirical material and the analytical strategy (to be) used are described. Depending on the stage of the project this section may vary in length. The approach to the problem should nevertheless be dealt with at least in outline.

#### ***3. Time Schedule***

(a) The present state of the project in relation to the subsections in items 2.1. and 2.2. is described

(b) After this a detailed plan of the subsections that will be completed during the academic year is presented.

***4. Possible financial plan (including a description of received funding for the project)***