

Project proposal

Within 6 months of starting work on their thesis project the doctoral candidates will write a project proposal of about **1500-2000 words** and discuss it with their supervisors.

The proposal should include the following parts:

- An introduction explaining the current state of knowledge in the field, including up-to-date literature and relevant information.
- 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.

The document is also read by the thesis committee before the meeting and thus needs to be delivered **at least two weeks in advance of the 1st thesis committee meeting**.

The respective report plus the filled thesis committee meeting sheet need to be send to and will be archived by the RTG manager.