**A dissertation research plan**

*Instructions (please remove all instructions before submitting the plan): The application for a doctoral study right must include a research plan. The level and feasibility of the research plan is one of the admission criteria. The research plan is written in either Finnish or English and its length is typically 2–4 pages.*

*The template should be used as the starting point when making the research plan.*

**1. The preliminary title of the dissertation and additional information**

*Note:**The topic of the dissertation has to be related to the scope of the* [*research carried out at the Faculty*](https://www.jyu.fi/en/science)*.*

The preliminary title of the dissertation:

Name of the applicant:

Dissertation Format (article / monograph):

Supervisor(s):

**2. Introduction**

*The introduction contains a short literature review of research already done on the topic, giving theoretical background for the dissertation. Explain expected contribution of your dissertation to the topic in question. The introduction ends with the focus of the dissertation, outlining the main goals and stating the research questions of the dissertation.*

**3. Methods and data (if applicable)**

*A description of methods and data, which will be used to address the research questions.*

**4. Ethical issues associated with the research**

*Describe any ethical issues related to your research.*

**5. Research group and the applicant’s responsibilities**

*If the research is part of a larger research entity, describe the research group and your responsibilities in it.*

**6. Schedule**

*The schedule must be designed so that the doctoral degree can be completed within 3-4 years of full-time work. Make a more detailed research plan for the first year and then a more general one for the following years. Brake up the research into milestones that helps you to verify that your research is on track and on schedule. Give a timeline for experiments/data collection, analysing the data, writing, submission of manuscripts, the steps in the dissertation examination process, and graduation. You can also include a research visit to a research institute/university abroad or in Finland.*

**7. Funding plan**

*A realistic plan how the studies will be funded.*

**8. Literature**

*A free-form reference list.*