

The template we suggested is:

**Title**

**Investigators, institutional affiliations, & qualifications**

**I. Relevance and significance of the proposed project (approx. 1 page)**

- a) Situating the proposed PhD study in the larger picture – WHY is it important
- b) Research statement: main objective and purpose of the project

**II. Background; “state of the art” and knowledge needs (approx. 3 pages)**

- a) Outline “state of the art”
- b) Explicate knowledge needs and the empirical, experimental, conceptual or theoretical foundation of the project

**III. Objectives - design – methods (approx. 2 pages )**

- a) Research statement, operationalize your research objective(s), sub studies
- b) Methodological approach, design and choice of method

**IV. Project organization (approx. 2-3 pages)**

- a) Dissemination and publications
- b) Research environment, and supervisor(s)
- c) Progress plan; project management, organization and cooperation
- d) Permissions; ethical clearance / collaboration
- e) Budget and funding

**V. References (approx. 1 page)**

Vancouver or APA style for in-text and reference list