Doctoral Programme in Translation and Language Sciences

Thesis Proposal

Content and structure

Title

Abstract Three version are required (Catalan, English and Spanish).

- *It will include the research objectives and highlight the interest and originality of the scientific contribution to be made and its possible applications.*

Table of contents

Body of the Thesis Proposal

- Introduction to the research topic.
  - Research problem or object of analysis.
    - *The phenomenon to be researched must be clearly identified.*

  - State of the art (or Literature review) and theoretical framework(s).
    - *This section should include the most recent publications available in the literature about the phenomenon under study. It is not supposed to be a comprehensive history of the discipline, but a description of the most relevant theoretical background(s), key issues, conceptual frameworks, etc.*

  - Research objectives.
    - *It is important to explicitly state the significance of the thesis and how it will be an original contribution to the field.*

  - Research questions, hypotheses or assumptions that support the research objectives.
    - *These questions or hypotheses should result from a critical examination of the research objectives in relation to the theoretical framework(s) and the state of the art.*

- Research design and methods.
  - Methodology.
    - *A brief critical review of the relevant methodologies previously employed in the field should be included, together with a justification of the methodology(ies) adopted.*
    - *A list of the tools and resources needed should be presented and justified.*

  - Tools and resources required to implement the research project.
    - *The specific tools and resources needed will be listed and justified.*

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- Work plan.
  - Work packages in which the research proposal is broken down.
    - *This section will include a detailed presentation of the anticipated research activities, organized in stages and content blocks. The plan must show that the work packages and the time periods assigned have been carefully considered and the activities are thus achievable. It is desirable to establish specific milestones that can be later used to check the progress of the project.*

  - Timeline.
    - *The dates in which the work packages are expected to be completed should be provided.*

- References.
  - *Relevant references must be included.*

Formal aspects

- Length: between 20 and 40 pages (and a maximum of 20 pages of annexes).
- Line spacing should be 1.5; the font should be Arial 11 or Times 12.
- Sections and subsections must be numbered.
- The document must be paginated.
- References must be sorted alphabetically.
- In-text citations must include the author's surname followed by the publication year (and the annotation "a", "b", etc. in the event of there being more than one reference by an author in the same year). All references must be listed in the References section.
- Notes must be footnotes.

Note: You are requested to use the "Plantilla" template which can be found on the Doctoral Programme website (PR_Plantilla_ENG).

Important dates

- The thesis proposal must be submitted no later than May 1.
- Oral defences will take place no later than June 1.
- Official validation of the year's work will take place from July 16 to July 31.