



PhD Research Proposal

1. Candidate Name:

2. In which area(s) of work would you include your research proposal?

Please mark your choice with an X.

Research field	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comparative Politics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Social Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	European Union Politics & European Integration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family and Gender Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender and Politics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government, Management & Public Policies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Inequalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Migration and Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political and Social Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Behaviour
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Economy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Parties
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Theory
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Policy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sociology and Demography



3. Which research group would you like to join? Before making your choice, consult research groups' web-pages. **Please mark your choice with an X.**

Research Group	
	Behavioural and Experimental Social Sciences (BESS) (RECSM)
	European Politics and Policies - Barcelona Center for European Studies
	Government, Administration and Public Policies Research Group (SmartGovernment)
	Health Inequalities (GREDS)
	International Relations, International Development and International Area Studies - Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)
	Institutional and Political Actors (IPA)
	Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration (GRITIM)
	Planetary Wellbeing and Environmental Policies - John Hopkins University – UPF Public Policy Center
	Research Group on Gender and Inequalities (GRETA)
	Liberal democracies, federalism, nationalism, secession processes, religion and politics, art and politics - Political Theory Research Group
	Public Opinion and Political Behaviour (RECSM)
	Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology (RECSM)
	Socio-demographics Research Group (DemoSoc)
	Statistical Methods Applied to Social Sciences (RECSM)



4. The selection committee takes into account that the student has previously contacted potential supervisors for his/her PhD thesis. This is particularly important to ensure that the Department assigns the right specialist to each research project. A list of professors is available on the PhD [website](#). Could you please indicate the name and surname of the supervisor who has agreed to supervise your research?

Please note that proposals that do not include the name of a potential supervisor will not be accepted. The student needs the acceptance of the supervisor to conduct their research prior to submission of this application.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Please note that the maximum length of the proposal is 3,000 words (excluding references).

We recommend the following structure:

PROJECT WORKING TITLE

It should be concise and describe well the intended research topic. At the current stage, this is still a provisional title which can evolve according to your research line.

BACKGROUND

Provide a brief overview of the general area of study. Include key references to the relevant literature, theories and concepts and their current limitations. Define how your project relates to the existing literature and how you are going to contribute to current theories and/or empirical research.

RESEARCH QUESTION(S), AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

What is the main topic of your future dissertation? What research questions lead the research? How are they framed in the existing literature? What development are you bringing to the theory? Which hypotheses are the research questions testing or expected to raise? What are you trying to achieve through your work?

Remember that the aim is the potential outcome of your research if you were successful and that your objectives represent the aim broken down, or rather the steps intended to achieve your outcome.

PROPOSED RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY (IF APPLICABLE)

How does the proposal expect to reach its objectives? What research design are you going to use? How are you going to combine the theory and the empirical analysis? What data are you going to use and how are you going to collect it? What techniques of analysis are you going to employ?

EXPECTED RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

Why are the research questions or hypothesis relevant? What is novel about the proposal and what impact will it have? Be convincing about the presence of a research gap and show why your research is innovative and original.

RESEARCH PLAN / TIMESCALE



This is a fundamental stage of your proposal because it shows the feasibility of completion of your research project during the time of your PhD. Consider the milestones you aim to achieve at each stage of the research (i.e., you can use trimesters, years, etc.).

REFERENCES

Remember to be coherent in the presentation of your references (i.e., alphabetic order, editing and quoting style such as APA, Harvard, etc.).

FUNDING PLAN & RESOURCES

Please detail if the research will be conducted in the framework of a scholarship, research programme or if you have any other financial help available. In the case of a lack of sponsoring, please indicate your availability and if you conduct any other study/professional activities during the time of your research.