

## Project description USN Ph.D. scholarship

The project description is a "mini-application". For most PhD-students the project description is the first attempt to write something that resembles a project proposal. This first project description will be a draft, and should be developed when the first application is accepted.

Below is an example of how to organize the project description and which topics to include. When accepted for the scholarship, an extended version is to be completed in collaboration with the supervisor and with IUG.

# Project Title

NAME:

Affiliation/Institute:

PhD-programme:

## 1 Background

Describe the background for the project. Place the proposed study in scientific context and how it is related to international research. Explain why the current study is of scientific interest. Refer to important theories that can/will be applied. Cite relevant sources/literature.

The background will resemble an introduction section of a scientific paper. The section would start with general information and proceed to more specific details. If the following questions are answered, the background is usually well described.

- What will I be studying?
- What do we know about the topic before starting the research?
- Why is it an important topic?
- How will this study advance our knowledge within the field?

## 2 Objectives

What is the aim of the research that will be carried out? Which hypotheses do the candidate work from? Describe the primary aim of the project and also any secondary objectives.

## 3 Methodology/methods

In brief, describe the methodology/methods that will be used. Include a description of the primary data and/or sources to be used to gather data (if relevant). Explain, where relevant, how collected data will be analysed.

If the project requires special scientific resources and/or equipment/infrastructure, describe how access to the necessary resources will be obtained.

## 4 Time schedule

Provide a preliminary time schedule for completion of the doctoral degree programme. The schedule should indicate when the candidate plans to complete the educational component, the fieldwork, the data analysis, the writing and submission of scientific articles and presentations (lectures, poster presentations, etc). Also include when stays/visits at other institutions will take place.

**Example of a time schedule:**

Year	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
Semester	S	F	S	F	S	F	S	F	S	F
<b>Courses (30 ECTS)</b>										
Philosophy of science and ethics										
Methods and research design										
<b>Duty work: 0% (suggest involvement in capacity building at IUG)</b>										
Courses										
Collaboration in teams										
<b>Field Work and data collection (In Norway or in Gaza)</b>										
Sampling a observation of children										
Sampling b Observation of teachers										
Sampling c: Document analysis										
Analysis of ...										
Analysis of										
<b>Data analysis</b>										
<b>Writing and submission of articles</b>										
Paper I:										
Paper II:										
Paper III:										
<b>Mid-term evaluation and thesis</b>										
Mid-term evaluation										
Final evaluation										
Writing up thesis										
<b>Other dissemination activities</b>										
Oral presentation at conference										
Poster presentation at conference										
<b>Stays/visits at other institutions (network building)</b>										

	Special syllabus: Literature study	1	S2016
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30</b>	

## 5 Affiliation to research groups and relation to IUG: Sustainability and relations at IUG or other in Gaza/Palestine

Mention research groups relevant in Gaza/Palestine or elsewhere

Mention teaching courses/programs that will be relevant at IUG after completed thesis

## 6 Ethical considerations

If the project is confounded with some ethical issues, e.g. animal experiments and collection human data, a paragraph describing ethical aspects should be included. Also mention if there is a requirement to obtain an approval from an ethical committee and potentially how and when this will be obtained.

## 7 Individual and scientific learning outcomes

Specify which individual skills, competences and knowledge you think you will acquire at the end of your 3-4 years as a PhD-student. In addition to the general learning outcomes described below, define which disciplinal and individual knowledge/skills that you think you will acquire when completing the degree. These learning outcomes could be related to:

- a. methodology (quantitative and/or qualitative)
- b. fieldwork
- c. sampling and design
- d. qualitative methods
- e. management, networking and international understanding
- f. communication and dissemination
- g. Other scientific and/or personal skills

## 8 References

Place the list of references at the end. References would primarily be cited in sections 1 and 3.

This would fulfil the requirement to include references to relevant academic literature.

## 9 Signatures

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ PhD-student \_\_\_\_\_