**ÅAUGS Research Plan for doctoral researcher positions 2025**

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# **1 Background and significance**

In this section, describe the following aspects

* Significance of research project in relation to current knowledge, research-based starting points
  + How the project and the methods used are linked to previous international and/or national research (state of the art)
* Research premise, aims and objectives
* Research questions and/or hypotheses

# **2 Implementation**

In this section, describe the following aspects:

* Work plan and schedule
* *Detailed description of the research to be performed, starting from objectives, scientific references and preliminary data (if available)*
* *Description of research tasks, their implementation and interconnections*
* *Schedule for project implementation, incl. research tasks, course work, project milestones and planned publications (thesis chapters)*
* Research data and material and methods
* *Research data to be used, justifications and information on data collection or acquisition, data analyses and use of data, taking into account issues such as intellectual property rights*
* *Research methods and how they will contribute to answering the research questions or confirming the hypotheses, or how they will support the chosen approach*

# **3 Research environment and collaboration**

In this section, describe the following aspects:

* Description of local, national and/or international research environment including possible research infrastructures.
* Collaborators
* National and international collaborators of key significance to project implementation as well as their roles

**References**

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