

Letter of Commitment from the supervisor

Supervisors should indicate the following:

- 1) the supervisor's commitment to undertake the supervision of the student's doctoral training in the event that the student is selected for a funded doctoral student position and/or admitted to the graduate school,
- 2) the terms of the commitment (e.g. full commitment if admitted, probationary period, trial period,...).
- 3) the relevance/importance of the proposed research project in the context of the scientific field and, if applicable, to the general society,
- 4) a funding plan for the student for at least the first year of the doctoral training if the student is not selected for a EUDA-DP doctoral student position.

Note that, if the supervisor also writes a letter of reference, the latter may, if preferred, include the letter of commitment. However, items 1 - 4 above must be clearly distinguishable from the rest of the letter.

Instructions for writing the research plan

The plan should clearly show that you understand your field and you know how to conduct the proposed research. Note that the application will be often evaluated by researchers from very diverse disciplinary backgrounds.

Introduction

- Motivation for the thesis project
- Defining the problem to be researched

State of the art

- How does the project relate to previous research?
- Is there any societal relevance to the project?

Theoretical framework for the project

- Present your theoretical framework.

Methodology

- A short description of the methods to be used

References

- Literature referred to in the application is listed here

Working plan for the research project

- The time-frame for study, empirical analysis, writing etc.
- Possible research visits and other international activity

Instructions for writing the academic portfolio

The portfolio should clearly show your areas of research interest and your research activities and expertise.

Publication

- Articles, books and/or conference papers/presentations. In addition, a brief explanation of the quality of the journals and/or conferences is recommended.

Reviewing experience

- Reviewing and editorial activities.

Supervision

- Undergraduate supervision. This may also be included within the report of practical teaching experience.

Grants

- Competitive research grants.

Any other activities.

- E.g. Commitment to quality with an international focus.