Template for project description

All the main points in the template are mandatory, but not all the sub-points are relevant for all projects.

Language

The project description for PhD and postdoctoral projects (*Midler til forskning og kunnskapsutvikling i fysioterapi (ph.d./postdok/forsker)*) must be written in English. In applications for 1-year research projects (*Stipend til forskningsprosjekt (ett årsverk)*) it is optional to use Norwegian or English.

Format
- Use clear language, avoid abbreviations.
- Max. 10 pages including illustrations, tables and reference list.
- Font: Calibri size 11 or Times New Roman size 12 or equivalent. Single line spacing and 2 cm margin. Font size 9 can be used in the reference list.

General advice
The applications are assessed by an external peer review committee. The project description is the basis for the assessment, and it is therefore important that it is well-structured and clear.

1. Title

The title should reflect the content of the project. Up to 150 characters.

2. Relevance

Describe existing knowledge and how the project can help fill gaps in the field. Emphasize the project's relevance and how it will contribute to clinical practice and/or research and development of the profession.

2.1. Utility value

The project description should provide a brief description of the research's expected benefits in the short and long term. The description should define target groups and describe how the project can be useful in research, education and clinical practice.

It may also include a description of whether the project:

• will contribute new knowledge
• has the potential to improve existing clinical practice
• will fill knowledge gaps

3. Objectives and research questions

The project description should contain:

• hypotheses
• main objectives and sub-objectives
• research question

4. Implementation

The project description should provide an overview of the strategy for selecting and using research methods and describe a plan for implementing the project.

4.1. Choice of method and analyses

Provide justification for the choice of method and how the method can contribute to answering the research questions. Explain:

• research design and methods
• statistical power calculation, if applicable
• necessary equipment, infrastructure and access to resources

4.2. Organization

Overview of project participants and collaborators:

• project participants' competence and roles in the project group
• the competence of the research community/institution, including how it can contribute to the implementation of the project
• the competence and contribution of external collaborators
• international collaboration
• the contribution of the institution to completing the PhD/postdoctoral degree

4.3. Budget

The *project description* must provide a clear financial plan/overview. A complete budget must be included in the *application form* and contain the financial framework (including the institution's own contribution) and a clear financing plan for the project.

4.4. Progress plan

A progress plan for the various activities must be included in the *application* form. The *project description* must contain a detailed description of the progress plan and milestones for implementing the project.

4.5. Dissemination plan

The project description must describe a plan for dissemination. Including which target groups, activities and timetable will be used to communicate the results of the project.

5. User participation

The project description must include a plan for user participation, how users will contribute to different parts of the project; planning and implementation. If user participation is not relevant, justification must be provided.

6. Ethics

The project description must include ethical considerations related to the project and how these will be met. It must also include a plan for applying for regulatory approvals. If this is not applicable, justification must be provided.

7. References

The reference list should refer to research and knowledge base that is relevant to the project.