

THESIS PROPOSAL

for the Doctoral Program at the
Medical University of Vienna

Please adhere to the following instructions:

1. The thesis proposal should be structured in the style of a research grant, using the provided template.
2. Choose a clear **title** that covers your project (this is considered a “working title”, as you might adjust the title later during your studies, depending on results obtained).
3. Write a **project summary** (that also states your **objectives**). At the bottom of the page, add 1 sentence explaining the **innovative aspects** of your project and why it is important to the medical/scientific field.
4. Provide a concise **scientific background** and show/explain preliminary (or published, if applicable) data that form the basis of your project. We recommend using illustrations (such as graphical abstracts or data graphs). State a clear and novel hypothesis and explain the main objectives/aims you want to address.
5. **Work plan:** Describe in detail how you plan to address your objectives/aims, mentioning the methods and techniques you will apply as precisely as possible. Add additional pages should you address more than three objectives/aims.
6. **Time plan:** fill in the table using bullet points.
7. Provide a statement about **contingency plans** you intend to follow, should your initial approach fail due to unforeseeable reasons.
8. Briefly explain the **statistical methods** you will use to analyze your data.
9. Write how you plan to address **ethical and sex considerations** (e.g. using animals or human/patient samples).
10. Abbreviations:
 - Do not use abbreviations in the title.
 - Write out abbreviations when first mentioned in the text.
 - Add an alphabetical **list of abbreviations**.
11. **Format:** font Arial, size 11, 1.5 spacing; You can use figures/illustrations/flow charts throughout the proposal to support your ideas.

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Working title: _____

Applicant: _____
First name, last name, acad. degree

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Degree (e.g. MD, MSc, VM, etc.)

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Supervisor: _____
Name of supervisor and affiliation (if different from 'Institution')

Source of funding: _____
Name of funding institution and project number

Date

Signature of the applicant





Project summary and objectives (200 – 250 words)

Innovative Aspects | Importance to the field (1 sentence)



Scientific background & preliminary data (min. 350 words, max 2 pages;
adding illustrations and/or preliminary data is recommended)



Work plan – Objective/Aim 1: (min. 300 words, max. 500 words)



Work Plan – Objective/Aim 2: (min. 300 words, max. 500 words)



Work Plan – Objective/Aim 3: (min. 300 words, max. 500 words)



Time plan (bullet points)

Tasks	1 st year		2 nd year		3 rd year	
	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Months 25-30	Months 31-36



Contingency Plans (minimum 100 words)

Summarize strategies to be applied should the proposed techniques and approaches turn out to not be successful or feasible.

Statistical Analysis Plan (minimum 100 words). If not applicable, please provide an explanation.



Ethical and Sex Considerations (provide a brief statement, if applicable)

List of Abbreviations (in alphabetical order)



References (max. 50)

