

research proposal

Instructions

- The proposal must be written in English language.
- Use using an easy readable font (*Arial, Times New Roman, etc.*) with a minimum font size 11, using single line spacing and with margins of at least 15 mm.
- A4 page size.
- Examples and explanations are in italics, please do not include them in your proposal.
- Number the pages of the proposal.
- The maximum length of the research proposal is 6 pages, ethical checklist not included. Pages exceeding this length will not be taken into account in the assessment of merit.
- Document updated as of 1 July 2021.

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1. Identification of the project

Title:

Acronym:

Summary (max 300 words):

Keywords:

2. Introduction

Provide an overview of the project, the state of the art and the objectives. Make sure that to identify any ethical issue that might arise and how it would be handled.

3. Research methodology and working plan

Describe how the objectives of the project would be met and outline a working plan and timeline for the 30 months, including deliverables and milestones.

4. Originality and innovative aspects

Explain the expected impact of the project on the research field and the novelty of the approach or concepts.

5. Interdisciplinary and intersectionality of the project

Describe the pertinence of a secondment related to the objectives of the project (intersectionality) and how the proposals benefits from the combination of two or more research programmes (interdisciplinarity).

6. Career development

Describe the training you would like to undergo and the research experience you would like to gain during your stay. Make sure you explain as well the impact of this fellowship on your career during and after the fellowship.

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Ethics

Please answer YES or NO, and where relevant reference the page number of the research proposal.

ETHICAL ISSUES	YES / NO	Page
HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES		
Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?		
Does your research involve the use of human embryos?		
Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?		
HUMANS		
Does your research involve human participants?		
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?		
HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES		
Does your research involve human cells or tissues?		
PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA		
Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?		
Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)?		
ANIMALS		
Does your research involve animals?		
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION		
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants?		
Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas?		
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including research staff?		
Does your research involve dual-use items in the sense of Regulation 428/2009, or other items for which an authorisation is required?		
Could your research raise concerns regarding the exclusive focus on civil applications?		
Does your research have the potential for misuse of research results?		
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?		

Please note the ethics assessment does not count towards the total page count for the research proposal. For guidance see [H2020 Ethics self-assessment tool](#)



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