

Please attach the following documents to this application form

1. Detailed CV, including – if applicable – relevant publications;
2. Academic transcripts (list of grades obtained) of Bachelor's and Master's;
3. A letter of motivation;
4. The Master's thesis or another substantial piece of writing in English (or in Dutch if the thesis will be written in Dutch);
5. A letter by the envisaged supervisor substantiating the commitment and explaining the selection procedure, including the names of the members of the selection committee.

Registration form

1a. Details of PhD candidate

-Name, title(s):
-Graduation date:
-University:
-Address for correspondence:
-Telephone:
-Email:

1b. Title of research proposal

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1c. Abstract

Max. 100 words¹

1d. Dissertation supervisors

Please state the names and positions of the envisaged (co-)supervisors (at least two) for the proposed PhD project. A formal letter of commitment of the principal supervisor must be submitted with this application. The principal supervisor must be employed at Maastricht University when the PhD candidate is formally registered.

Research proposal

2a. Problem statement

Please explain the background of the proposal and the scientific and/or societal problem you intend to address in your research.

Max. 500 words¹

2b. Research question

Describe the main research question and the sub-questions.

Max. 300 words¹

2c. Research design and methodology

Please describe the proposed research and its objectives. Specify the research design, the methods and explain the link between the proposed research questions and the methodology

Max. 1,000 words¹

2d. Literature

Please explain how your research is situated in the existing literature.

Max. 400 words¹

2e. Innovativeness

Please explain how your research will contribute to the existing body of knowledge.

Max. 200 words¹

2f. Time plan

Describe the work plan, including a time schedule.

Max. 1 page

2g. Feasibility

Please elaborate on the feasibility of the proposed research, e.g. required skills, challenges and contingency plan.

Max. 200 words¹

¹ Excluding references and footnotes. Please do not include text in footnotes.

2h. Embedding in the faculty

Please explain how your proposal fits within the faculty's research programme and how the project will be embedded in one of the faculty's research institutes or groups.

Max. 200 words¹

2i. If applicable: embedding in the overarching project

If this project is part of an overarching project, please describe how this PhD project fits in the overall project. Attach any relevant project documents as annexes.

Max. 200 words¹