

**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 words<sup>1</sup>*

**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 words<sup>1</sup>*

**2b. Research question**

*Describe the main research question and the sub-questions.*

*Max. 300 words<sup>1</sup>*

**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 words<sup>1</sup>*

**2d. Literature**

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

*Max. 400 words<sup>1</sup>*

**2e. Innovativeness**

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

*Max. 200 words<sup>1</sup>*

**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 words<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> 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 words<sup>1</sup>*

**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 words<sup>1</sup>*