

## **GUIDE FOR PREPARING THE RESEARCH PLAN**

The research plan must be completed in the thesis management application on the UPV intranet. Since the application does not allow tables or formatting to be entered, it is advisable to generate a single document with the research plan in .pdf format and upload it as an attachment.

This is an important document because the annual evaluations carried out on the development of the doctoral thesis must be based on what has been detailed in the research plan.

The academic committee recommends that the student (together with their thesis supervisor/s) consider completing this document with the time and care required (this document would be equivalent, for example, to an application to the ministry for funding for a research project).

The following briefly describes what should be entered in each of the sections.

### **1 TITLE**

Title of the doctoral thesis.

### **2 ABSTRACT**

Set out only the most relevant aspects and the general objectives of the research work.

### **3 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT STATE OF THE ART**

Briefly describe the scientific and technical knowledge of the specific subject area of the research, including the most significant results that help to assess the current state of the question, as well as any previous results, where applicable, of the research team in which the proposal will be developed.

### **4 HYPOTHESIS AND OBJECTIVES**

Briefly describe the reasons why it is considered appropriate to undertake this research and the initial hypothesis on which the project objectives are based.

It is recommended to include not only the general objective but also to list briefly, clearly, precisely and realistically (that is, in accordance with the expected duration of the thesis), the specific objectives pursued, since the degree to which these objectives are achieved must be evaluated annually by the academic committee of the doctoral programme.

### **5. METHODOLOGY TO BE USED AND WORK PLAN**

Break down the tasks or activities to be carried out, specifying the results expected to be obtained in each of them. If necessary, a critical assessment of the possible

difficulties of the project and a contingency plan to resolve them should also be included. A time-based work plan related to the specified tasks will be established.

## 6 BIBLIOGRAPHY

Include, in full, the references used to prepare the research plan.

## 8. TRAINING PLAN

A training plan must be established for the doctoral student, containing a forecast of the different training activities that will be carried out during the doctoral thesis (cross-disciplinary training courses, conferences, mobility actions, etc.).