**Template for dissertation idea plan**

- a total length of a maximum of 15,000 characters, including spaces (including a list of sources)

- size 12 font with 1.5 line spacing and normal margins (2.5 cm); headings and title in bold

- citations ideally according to the APA standard

- the red text serves only as an instruction, delete it in your idea plan

**DISSERTATION IDEA PLAN**

**Title:**

(max. 200 characters incl. spaces)

**Author:**

**Abstract:**  
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**Key words:**  
(3 to 6 key words)

**Your own structured description of the idea plan for the dissertation**

You can choose the structure and wording of the text and headings, but it is desirable to deal with all the recommended or important points and answer all the essential questions.

**First and foremost, focus on what your dissertation intends to bring as new development or knowledge in the field, i.e. what research gap it is trying to cover.**

• Try to define the research problem. What issues or phenomena do you want to deal with in your doctoral studies? What area or field does this problem fall into?

• Describe briefly the state of current knowledge about the researched phenomenon. List the main theoretical approaches, state of the art knowledge, or research evidence. Try to anchor your research problem in the current professional literature. What did others find out about the problem? What are the theories on the topic and what do they say? What research has been carried out so far? Are the results consistent or do the conclusions of the studies differ?

• Describe which population the research problem concerns. How widespread is the problem? What are the statistical or epidemiological data concerning the phenomenon?

**• Define precisely the research goals and research questions, or even hypotheses.**

• Justify the need or expected results of the planned project. Does the proposed research have practical application? Is it more about applied or basic research?

• What are the ethical and other potentially problematic aspects of the research? What is your relationship to the research plan (professional, hobby, personal ...)?

Do not provide a detailed methodological research plan. The elaboration of a detailed technical plan of the dissertation and the determination of the most suitable research design (including the choice of methods of data acquisition and analysis) is an essential part of the first year of doctoral studies.

**List of sources**:

(ideally according to the APA standard; we recommend a maximum of around 20 sources)