

BZH Graduate Students' Program

Guidelines for the structure of the project proposal for the BZH Doctoral Program

The project proposal should summarise the basis and aims of the dissertation. The proposal should be 2 to 5 pages in length (double-spaced, font size 12) and structured as follows:

name:
research group:
thesis title:
date:

1. Summary

In the summary explain the project in a generally understandable manner. It should describe the specific field of research, the problem which should be solved and the methods intended to be employed. (Half page size)

2. Current state of research field

Summarize the current state of the specific field of research with respect to your own planned project in a concise form. Mention the preliminary work done by your own and other working groups on which the dissertation thesis is based. If you have already worked in this field and achieved own results (i.e. while working for your master's degree) describe them briefly.

3. Aims and research program

- Depict the scientific aim
- Give detailed information on the planned strategy during your dissertation.
- Describe the methods and tools you want to employ. Which methods are available, which ones need to be developed, do you need support from another working group/ institute, which problems may occur and which other strategies have you considered to follow alternatively? This part of the proposal should fill half of the manuscript.