

Guidelines for the preparation of a project description and a work plan for the application for admission as a doctoral student at Hochschule Geisenheim University

1) Working title

Please formulate your working title in German and English.

2) Estimated total duration

When planning your doctorate, make sure you have a realistic time schedule. If you are working on your doctorate in parallel with part-time or full-time employment, the time schedule must be adjusted accordingly. In general, the time frame should not exceed 6 years.

3) Project financing

Briefly explain the financing of your doctoral project (e.g. funding institution, type of funding, part of a third-party funded project). This enables the doctoral committee to better classify your work.

4) Background of the project

Present the background / state of the art of science with a few essential and current references. In doing so, you should work out the essential gaps in knowledge or problems arising from the state of the art so that they lead to point 5.

5) Research questions/work hypotheses and research objectives

Present the concrete questions derived from the gaps in knowledge/problems that you want to address in your doctoral thesis. Alternatively, you can formulate concrete hypotheses, which you then test in your work by means of studies and analyses. Do you also state the overarching objective of your research, i.e. to which overarching aspect should your work contribute (improved climate protection, optimization of plant protection, prevention of accidents, etc.)?

6) Work schedule and timetable

a) Briefly describe the work packages, their systematic structure and sequence.

b) Create a Gantt diagram (representation of the duration over time and networking of the work packages mentioned) in DIN A4 format.

(For more information see [https:// en.smartsheet.com/blog/wo-finden-the-best-you-find-the-best-you-gantt-diagram-templates](https://en.smartsheet.com/blog/wo-finden-the-best-you-find-the-best-you-gantt-diagram-templates))

7) Signature

You and your supervisor have to sign to confirm that the project description has been acknowledged. Please add the date of signature.

Make sure that the scope of the project description is min. 4 and max. 6 pages.