

## **GUIDE FOR THE ELABORATION OF THE RESEARCH PLAN**

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

It is an important document since the annual evaluations made on the development of the doctoral thesis should be based on what has been detailed in the research plan.

The academic committee recommends that the student (together with his/her thesis director(s)) consider completing this document with the time and care necessary to do so (this document would be the equivalent of applying for funding for a research project to the ministry, for example).

The following is a brief description of what should be entered in each of the sections.

### **1 TITLE**

Title of the doctoral thesis.

### **2 SUMMARY**

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

### **3 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT STATUS**

Briefly describe the scientific-technical knowledge of the specific subject of the research, including the most significant results that help to assess the current state of the art, as well as the previous results, if any, of the research team where the proposal will be developed.

### **4 BIBLIOGRAPHY.**

Include, in full, only the references listed in section 3.

### **5 HYPOTHESIS AND OBJECTIVES**

Briefly describe the reasons why this research is considered pertinent and the starting hypothesis on which the objectives of the project are based.

List briefly, but clearly, precisely, and realistically (i.e., in accordance with the expected duration of the thesis), the specific objectives to be pursued (the degree of achievement of

these objectives should be evaluated annually by the academic committee of the doctoral program).

## 6. METHODOLOGY TO BE USED

Breakdown of the tasks or activities to be carried out, stating the expected results to be obtained in each one of them. If necessary, also include a critical evaluation of the possible difficulties of the project and a contingency plan to solve them.

## 7. MEANS TO BE USED

The instruments, hardware, software, cartographic supports, databases, etc. that will be necessary to achieve the proposed objectives should be detailed.

## 8. TIME PLANNING AND USEFULNESS OF THE RESEARCH

A temporary work plan related to the tasks specified in item 6 will be established.

Description of the usefulness and scientific-technical, social and/or economic impact expected from the results of the research developed, both nationally and internationally.

## 9. TRAINING PLAN

A training plan should be established for the doctoral student that will contain a forecast of the different training activities that will be developed during the doctoral thesis (transversal training courses, congresses, mobility actions, etc.).