

## Thesis proposal guidelines

The written part of the Thesis proposal should be a detailed outline of the final PhD thesis where finished parts so far are included. It should as a minimum contain:

- 1 A structural outline of the final PhD thesis, including the decision of whether it should be a monograph or a paper collection.
- 2 Thorough discussion of related work with scientific references, to place work done (and to be done) in the proper context.
- 2 Clear statements of the key research questions, hypotheses and objectives.
- 3 Clarification of methodology used so far, and same (as far as possible) for remaining work, including a description of how results will be assessed/validated.
- 4 Main results obtained and observations done so far. Both finished and draft papers and reports should be included (at this point) as appendices.
- 5 Main conclusions drawn so far.

In addition to this the oral presentation of the Thesis proposal should as a minimum address the following:

- 6 An evaluation of the significance and novelty of the obtained results (so far), and an estimate of the potential significance and novelty of the remaining research.
- 7 An overview of the main challenges and risks ahead, potentially with definition of parallel tracks or alternative plans to finish depending on “success” in different tracks.