



Exposé Guidelines - FOR STUDENTS

With your Exposé (and presentation at the FÖP) you should

- demonstrate that you carefully planned and re-thought your PhD project
- comprehensively summarise your PhD project to the Faculty Members
- allow the Faculty to judge quality and feasibility of your project, to give valuable and constructive input and finally approve your thesis endeavour

In case your project is part of a larger competitive extramurally-funded/ collaborative proposal of your PI, please give special focus to your individual contributions aimed to lead to your PhD degree.

Desirable Structure and Content of your Exposé

A) Title Page:

- (Working) **Title of your Dissertation Project**
- Your **Name, student number and email address**
- Selected Supervision Team:** minimum 2 experts in your research topic (*Examples: 2 Supervisors (=Habil, TT Prof) or 1 supervisor + 1 co-mentor (=experienced postdoc, senior scientist in your group) as minimum*); *Set-up of bigger Thesis Advisory Committees (to get regular feedback beyond your direct supervision team) is highly recommended*
- Funding** (salary and necessary consumables)

B) Main part:

Within maximal 10 pages (Font size 11 pt; 1.15 line spacing)

- Introduction:** i.e. short background, current status of research(knowledge):
What is your specific field of research? Where do you start from?
- Aims / Main questions / Significance of your planned research**
What do you want to reach/answer during your thesis? Why is this important?
- Workplan**
Which methods and experimental setups will you use to approach your specific aims / questions? Which infrastructure / collaboration partners do you need / have at hand? Which methods are up and running in your lab, which will require establishment / optimisation?
- Time plan**
When do you plan to do what and achieve your goals? Gantt Chart
- Contingency Plan / Risk Analysis**
Where do you see potential problems in sticking to your plan? Have you thought of solutions / alternatives?

C) Cited References
