Exposé Guidelines - FOR STUDENTS

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

a) demonstrate that you carefully planned and re-thought your PhD project
b) comprehensively summarise your PhD project to the Faculty Members
c) 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