

Check-list for the project outline

The project outline should be about 5 pages long and should contain information about the following point:

Title and research question

The title will provide information about the project. The research question shall clarify, delimit and narrow the topic. The topic must be clearly presented and satisfactorily defined.

Project background and context

The applicants must document knowledge of the research area and topic, both nationally and internationally. Originality, novelty value and relevance to the field must be highlighted by the project outline, as well as how it places itself in one or more of the Department of Design's strategic areas. The project outline should also present how the project can supplement prior research and contribute to new knowledge – possibly in relation to an already initiated research project at the department.

Theoretical foundation

The applicant must give a brief description of theoretical perspectives that will be applied in the project. The project outline must make arguments for the relevance of the methods and the theories that are intended to be applied, or that there are good opportunities to development the necessary methods and theories needed to carry out the project.

Data/material and method

The project's research design and the methodological starting point must be presented and discussed in the project depiction. This includes a description of the data material (e.g. documents, objects, fieldwork, interviews, statistics, etc.) to be used, together with information about how the data is to be collected and analysis conducted, as well as which design methods that is to be used. Explain ethical issues potentially related to the project.

Expected results

The project outline should describe what kind of knowledge the research is expected to produce, and comment on how the results may be applied, benefit or contribute to innovation.

Other information

The project outline must explain who has been requested as a supervisor(s), which possible partners or research networks the applicant can join, in addition to those of the Department of Design's strategic areas to which the project will be linked.