**PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FORM (PhD and Postdoctoral projects)**

**Graduate School VLAG**

*(Please read the instructions in the appendix first and fill in with a text processor.)*

MAIN RESEARCH GROUP :

OTHER GROUPS INVOLVED :

1. PROJECT LEADER:

 THESIS SUPERVISOR(s):

2. PROJECT TITLE (English)

3a. Proposed VLAG research area (A/B/C/D/E): A ⬜ B ⬜ C ⬜ D ⬜ E ⬜

3b. Key words:

4a. The project will be (partly) executed outside The Netherlands, namely in:

4b. Does the project aim at co-operation with developing countries? YES / NO

5. ETHICAL ISSUES:

 6a. Does the project require action by the Medical Ethical Committee? YES / NO

 6b. Does the project require action by the Animal Experiments Committee? YES / NO

 6c. Describe potential ethical dilemmas regarding this research project (see the explanation in the Appendix)

6. COMPOSITION OF THE PROJECT GROUP AND ESTIMATED TIME INVOLVED

Kind of Appointment: PhD student ⬜ PostDoc researcher ⬜

 NAME AND TITLE ORGANISATION Hours / Week

Thesis supervisor(s): ............................................... ............................................... ...............................................

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Co-supervisor(s): ............................................... ............................................... ...............................................

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Supervisor(s): ............................................... ............................................... ...............................................

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Other scientific staff: ............................................... ............................................... ...............................................

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Technicians: ............................................... ............................................... ...............................................

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7. COLLABORATION: With which organisations outside the University will collaboration take place?

The Netherlands: Other universities:

 Research institutes, experimental stations:

 Ministries, other organisations:

International organisations such as FAO, WHO:

Foreign universities and organisations:

8.  SUMMARY - PROBLEM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES (max 1 page, Font: Arial 10)

9. SIGNATURES

Place: Date:

**Chairman of the leading Research Group** **Project leader**

Name: Name:

Signature: Signature:

Please return completed form to:

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or

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**Appendix -** **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE VLAG GRADUATE SCHOOL PhD/PostDoc FORM**

**General:** The space available for the content is limited.

 *Please respect the guidelines and predefined layout (letter type, letter size, line spacing, margins).*

**Question 1:** Please provide names of the project and of the professor(s) who will act as thesis supervisor.

 The project leader bears the main responsibility for the project and fulfils the daily supervision.
 Thesis supervisor is referred to as ‘promotor’ in Dutch.

**Question 2:** Formulate English title of the research project as concisely and specifically as possible.

**Question 3:** Please indicate relevant Graduate School Research Theme

A - Sustainable Food & Biobased Production

B - Product & Ingredient Structuring and Functionality

C - Food Safety & Integrity

D - Nutrition, Metabolism and Health

E - Biomolecular Interactions

**Question 4:** If (a part of) the project is carried out outside the Netherlands, please mention the country(s) involved.

The second part of the question refers to the development co-operation.

**Question 5a:** Does this project involve working with volunteers and/or patients? Does it require a Medical Ethical review?

**Question 5b:** In some cases experimental animals may be used. The ‘Law on Experimental Animals’ regulates use of animals in experiments. Animal Experiments Committee (DEC) is in charge of control of the execution of the Law within the University. In case vertebrates are used in the proposed project DEC will provide you with a questionnaire.

**Question 5c:** Other ethical dilemmas

Ethical dilemmas, considerations and decisions should play an important role in the programming of research proposals. Ethical dilemmas deal with potential harm to society, people, animals and ecosystems and with the potential use or misuse of research results.

Relevant aspects are:

o What are the funding organisations of the PhD research and what is their interest in the research results.

o Research methods: animal experiments; involving people in your experiments.

o Research location: research carried out in countries where human rights are violated.

Relevant questions may be:

o For whom is the research question relevant;

o Who can profit most of the research outcomes;

o Who could be harmed most by the research outcomes;

o Which development is supported by this research;

o Does the research support sustainable development; etc.

In general there are no good or wrong answers to ethical dilemmas, but it is very important to present your own considerations clearly and transparently.

See also: The Code of Conduct for Scientific Practice at <http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/About-Wageningen-UR/Integrity.htm>

**Question 6:** Please list the persons that are primarily involved in the execution of the research project including the research group / department / institute / other organisation at which they are employed. Please add an estimation of the input in hours per week per person. If it is a joint project of two (or more) research groups, note that clear appointments have to be made about capacity division.

**Question 7:** Please list the organisations collaborating in the context of this project. Mention only the collaboration partners whose involvement will result in concrete joint activities such as publications.

**Question 8:** This summary should explain the title of the research project in more detail. Adding a short summary of the problem definition and the objectives is deemed helpful.

**Question 9:** The chair holder of the research group and the project leader should sign the printed version of this form.
For the electronic version of the (pre)proposal signature scan can be inserted.