

**VLAG PhD research proposal**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Chair group(s):

Project title:

Start date – end date:

Where will the project be carried out:

Project flow of funding:

1st (internal)

2nd (NWO)

3rd (external)

Name of funding source:

**Composition of the project team and estimated time involved:**

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| **Role** | **Name and title** | **Daily supervisor?** | **Organisation** | **Hours / week** |
| PhD candidate: |  |  |  |  |
| Intended promotor(s): |  |  |  |  |
| Intended co-promotor(s): |  |  |  |  |
| Team member / advisor: |  |  |  |  |
| Technician: |  |  |  |  |

**Collaboration**

Universities:

Research Institutes:

Industry:

Government agency:

Others (e.g. FAO, WHO):

**Ethics**

Does the project require action by the Medical Ethical Committee?  Yes  No

Does the project require action by the Animal Experiments Committee?  Yes  No

*If one of the answers is ‘yes’, please, take care yourself of appropriate submission to the relevant committee and other legal aspects.*

Are there other ethical issues to be considered with respect to this project? Yes  No

If yes, please elaborate:

**SUMMARY (150 - 250 words)**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH (2000 - 3000 words)**

Background

Problem formulation and objectives

Innovative aspects

Methodology

Societal relevance

Feasibility of the research

**EMBEDDING OF THE RESEARCH (200 - 300 words)**

How is adequate supervision guaranteed?

How is the execution of the research guaranteed (expertise, facilities, technical assistance)?

Which agreements have been made regarding collaboration with other groups/universities/institutes?

**WORK PLAN (1000 - 1500 words)**

*Detailed work plan and timeline for the first half of the project (including preparation of publications) and a rough work plan and timeline for the second half of the project (including writing of the thesis)*

**DATA MANAGEMENT**

Do you follow the data management policy of the chair group? Yes  / No

Are there any additional issues?

**RESOURCES (100 – 150 words)**

*Describe the arrangements with respect to resources that have been made to make the research possible (think of consumables, analyses, equipment, conference visits etc)*

All requirements (financial, personnel and equipment) are available and/or arranged: Yes  / No If not, please explain:

**SIGNATURES (this form needs to be signed by the PhD candidate as well as all supervisors)**

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| **PhD candidate** | **Promotor(s)** | **Co-promotor(s)** |
| Name: | Name: | Name: |
| Date: | Date: | Date: |
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|  | Name: | Name: |
|  | Date: | Date: |
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***Please send the PDF of the signed VLAG PhD research proposal by email to the VLAG Office (***[***vlag@wur.nl***](mailto:vlag@wur.nl)***) no later than 6 months after the start of the PhD project.***

**Appendix 1: References**

**Appendix 2: Suggestions for independent referees**

*VLAG will collect feedback on the proposal from one reviewer, as suggested by the supervisory team. The reviewer should be a VLAG colleague from a neighbouring chair group or research institute, or if that is judged more appropriate, another WUR researcher. In exceptional cases, also non-WUR reviewers (VLAG alumni) can be nominated as reviewers, after having indicated to the supervisory team to be willing to do so.*

*The reviewer should not be part of the research groups of the members of the supervisory team, and should not be involved in the PhD project. The reviewer will be asked to evaluate the proposal from the perspective of a senior coach.*

Reviewer 1

Name + title:

Organisation:

Area of expertise:

e-mail:

Reviewer 2

Name + title:

Organisation:

Area of expertise:

e-mail:

Reviewer 3

Name + title:

Organisation:

Area of expertise:

e-mail: