## **Template PhD project descriptions, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Agder**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**This template, based on the template of personal doctoral research fellowship at the Research Council of Norway, is a suggestion. Alternative templates might be used.**

**The project description is not to exceed 10 pages, including the list of references.**

## 1. Introduction and main study aim

Please provide a brief description of the main aim of the project and its relevance to PhD program in Health and Sport Sciences at the University of Agder.

## 2. Background and status of knowledge

Applicants are to provide a brief description of the background for the project and document their familiarity with the research area as well as their understanding of the key challenges to knowledge, both nationally and internationally. Think of this section as an argumentation for the importance for the study objectives, research questions and/or hypotheses presented below.

## 3. Study objectives, research questions, hypotheses

Study objectives, research questions and/or hypotheses are to be presented clearly using language that will be understandable to individuals with a general understanding of the field.

4. Choice of method

Describe the choice of method(s) and explain how these methods will be appropriate in relation to the project’s study objectives, research questions and/or hypotheses.

Ethical issues relating to the implementation of the project must be clarified. The checklist issued by the national committees for research ethics should be used when preparing the project description:
<https://www.etikkom.no/en/ethical-guidelines-for-research/>

The project should also be submitted to the Research Ethics Committee at the faculty (FEK, see

<https://www.uia.no/en/about-uia/faculties/faculty-of-health-and-sport-sciences/research-ethics-committee> or in Norwegian:

<https://www.uia.no/om-uia/fakultet/fakultet-for-helse-og-idrettsvitenskap/fakultetets-etikkomite-fek>

## 5. Budget, project management and cooperation

Please provide a budget and an account of the planned project implementation (time schedule, management, cooperation and if relevant planned stays abroad). The project must be realistic and feasible, scientifically, organisationally, and in relation to planned use of resources.

## 6. Key perspectives and compliance with strategic documents

The project’s relevance and benefit to society should be described. An account should be provided of how the project conforms to strategic objectives (e.g. white papers). This may be placed in a regional, national, international and/or global context.

## 7. Dissemination and communication of results

Specific plans for scholarly and popular science dissemination activities are to be included. The information channels that will be used to communicate research findings should be indicated (e.g. specific scientific journals, conference presentations, magazine articles, media contributions, social media).

When appropriate, specification should be provided of any particular user groups that are relevant for the project, and the manner of their involvement should be described.