

Guidelines to Write the Master exposé

Dear Students,

The Master exposé is intended as a brief description of the research project you are planning to carry out during your Master thesis project. It is to be written in DFG application style, but covering only sections 1-3 of chapter B (Project Description) of the official DFG form. You can find the full-length guidelines online on the DFG webpage (https://www.dfg.de/formulare/54_01/) and here as PDF. We have shortened the word template (full-length version https://www.dfg.de/formulare/53_01_elan/index.jsp) to the sections which are needed to be filled and in grey you find a copy of the guideline text to help you, what is required to write (please delete upon writing your own proposal).

“For the description of your project, please use the appropriate template in German or English provided. Your project description must not exceed 25 pages in total (**up to 17 pages for sections 1 through 3*** and up to 8 pages as of section 4). The template formatting must be retained. In particular, the font should not be smaller than Arial 11 point, with line spacing no less than 1.2. For the section Project- and subject-related list of publications, the font should not be smaller than Arial 9 point.”

*As only section 1-3 are required, the total exposé including bibliography should **not exceed 17 pages!** Total length should be **at least 10 pages**.

Additionally, the preliminary work section (section 1.2), shall include figures of your preliminary results. Thereby, you show the reviewer, that you have a solid base to start the project.

The work program (section 2.3 of the form) should be **at least one third of the total length** and contain a **timetable of your research project**. The description of the working plan will benefit from grouping the experiments in work packages and do not forget to plan time for thesis writing. Thereby, each set of experiments should be described well enough to be “evaluated” by no experts, but does not need to as detailed as a laboratory protocol. Here, you show, that you know what you are going to do and why you plan to use specific method.