**KBH instructions for a research project plan for a doctoral project**

The research plan should give enough details of the nature and scope of the project so that its suitability as a doctoral project can be assessed. For example, the specific role of the doctoral student should be clear in each sub-project and how the project relates to any other nearby doctoral projects.

The research plan should contain the following headers and cover a maximum of 5 pages including references. Font type Calibri, font size 11 and single line spacing.

**Cover page**:

Title of the project

Name of the doctoral student

Name of the supervisors

Department and Division

**Background**:

A brief background of the research field and the knowledge gap as a rational for the proposed project

**Objectives and hypotheses**:

The main objectives and hypotheses of the project.

**Sub-studies**:

Aim and hypotheses of the study.

Study design and methodology.

Study population and power calculation when applicable.

Data collection including time plan for completion.

The specific role of the doctoral student (lab work, data collection, bioinformatics, statistics, writing of manuscripts etc.)

Planned publication/publications and authorship for the student.

If applicable; planned back up if one project falls through.

**Preliminary data**

Preliminary data if applicable

**Time schedule**:

Overall timetable for the various sub-studies.

**Significance**

Anticipated results and significance

**Ethics**:

Ethical considerations for each sub-project.

Ethical approval or planned ethical application.

**References**:

A maximum of 15 relevant references