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## Page Limit

The page limit for proposal is 10 pages.

## Structure of the proposal

The proposal should be up to 10 pages, and it should be structured as follows:

1. Introduction, motivation and problem statement
2. Theoretical background – State of the art of the literature
3. Research aim and research questions
4. Research design and methodology
5. Current accomplishments
6. Future steps and expected results
7. Conclusions

References

## Section Headings

*5.1. And Sub-Section Headings (all subsection headings; italics, 12 points)*

Section headings should be in lower case with the first letter of major words in upper case. Do not use sub-subsections more than exceptionally. Please do not use footnotes or end notes. Please check that headings are not on their own at the bottom of a page, at least two additional lines should follow. Take away an empty line at the top of a page, if this should appear.

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## Acknowledgements (Optional)

Any acknowledgements should be immediately before the references. An unnumbered section may be used for thanks, etc.

## Funding (Optional)

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## List of References

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## References

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