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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A PHD PROJECT PROPOSAL
PhD positions ILLC 2011
(only for applications at the Faculty of Humanities)

IMPORTANT

All proposals have to fit within the research done in the research groups of the ILLC (*Logic and Language, Language and Computation* and *Logic and Computation*). Please read the webpages on the research done in these groups carefully at <http://www.ilc.uva.nl/research>.

Only those proposals for which a promoter/supervisor is available within ILLC are fundable. We prefer you do not specify a potential supervisor in your proposal. ILLC will match successful applicants with an appropriate and qualified supervisor.

SUBMISSIONS

The PhD proposal has to be submitted **before Tuesday February 1st 2011**. Candidates will begin September 1st 2011. The proposal should be written in English and submitted in digital form, preferably in pdf-format.

With the proposal you should also submit a CV, a list of grades of your Bachelor and Master (or equivalent) programmes, a letter of motivation, and the names of two academic referees with contact information. Please also include a writing sample (such as your MSc thesis or a term paper), preferably a link to an online version.

When submitting a proposal, organize it according to the headings given below.

1. Project title

Short and enlightening title.

2. Summary

Include a summary of the project in which the most relevant aspects are mentioned: type of research, (central) research question(s), expected results. Max 200 words. Do not exceed this limit.

3. PhD Candidate

Your name.

4. Description of the proposed research

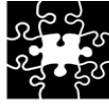
You have 2500 words for the description itself. Within this word limit you should cover:

a. Goal and topic: Specify the goal and topic of the research.



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b. Method and approach: Specify method and approach followed during the research.



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c. Type and amount of data: Indicate type and amount of data/sources/literature as specific as possible.

d. Embedding: Indicate how the project relates to the research carried out at ILLC.

Apart from the 2500 word description, you may add a bibliography of max. 1 page A4, 9pt and an annex (for instance, with a sample of relevant data) of max. 2 pages A4, 9pt.

5. Work programme

Pay special attention to the planning of the project: the research has to finish within the period of the appointment (4 or 3.3 years). The project has to be planned in such a way that the goals of the project correspond with a realistic planning. Do not forget to include a component 'education and supervision'. Take also account of a substantial amount of time for writing the dissertation. The manuscript has to be sent to the committee by the end date of the project. The time schedule must be specific and detailed.

NWO NOMINATIONS

One of the two accepted proposals for the PhD positions at the Faculty of Humanities part of ILLC will be nominated for funding by NWO (The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research), see http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/SPPD_5R2QE7_Eng. This proposal will need to be transformed into the NWO format. It is therefore strongly advised to make sure you have enough spare time between February 1 and February 18, 2011.