Project description template –Industrial PhD 2025

## Project participants

***We use all the information in the table. It is important that you fill in all the fields.***

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| Doctoral candidate |
| Candidate's name |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Preferred language (Norwegian or English |  |
| Employed in applicant company from date |  |
| Permanent or temporary position |  |
| Employed as (position title) |  |
| Degree-conferring institution |
| University/University college |  |
| Faculty |  |
| Department |  |
| Internal supervisor/mentor in the company |
| **Main supervisor\*** |  |
| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Place of work |  |
| Level of education/grade |  |
| **Supplementary supervisor\*\*** |  |
| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Place of work |  |
| Level of education/grade |  |
| Supervisor at the degree-conferring institution |
| **Main supervisor** |  |
| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Place of work |  |
| Level of education/grade |  |
| **Supplementary supervisor\*\*** |  |
| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Place of work |  |
| Level of education/grade |  |

\* An employee without a doctoral degree may serve as a mentor

\*\* Optional

# Project description

**All text in italics is for information purposes only and should be deleted in the final document.**

*The project description may be of* ***maximum 10 A4 pages****.*

# The objectives and purpose of the project

(maximum 2 pages – do not include references)

The Research Council will not assess the scientific quality of Industrial Ph.D. projects. This is the responsibility of the degree conferring institution. The description provided here is to give the Research Council a better understanding of the project and will form the basis for an assessment of the other items in the application. The project description needs to be understandable to persons without specific expertise in the subject area.

*Describe the project in greater detail, elaborating on the brief project summary provided in the application form.*

* + *Describe the scientific content of the project and specify the primary and secondary objectives.*
	+ *Briefly describe the project’s research design: which methods are to be used, how data will be compiled and what articles are planned**.*

# Relevance of the project to the company

The doctoral project must be of clear relevance to the applicant company's activity and long-term needs for expertise. Describe how the project satisfies this.

The following information must be included:

* + *In what way is the doctoral project of relevance to the company's activities?*
	+ *How does the company plan to benefit in the future from the knowledge gained from the Ph.D. project?*
	+ *How is the company planning to use the findings?*
	+ *Will specific products/services/methods/organisational structures be developed on the basis of the findings?*

# Project organisation and implementation

*Please describe how the project is organised and how it will be implemented. Please refer to the call for proposals for requirements relating to project organisation and implementation.*

The following information must be included:

* *Project organisation*
	+ *Describe how the project will be organised.*
	+ *Describe the actors involved and their respective roles in the project.*
	+ *Describe the candidate’s motivation and competency for carrying out the project.*
	+ *Describe the locations where the candidate will be working for the duration of the project and how the criterion requiring the candidate to spend at least one year at the applicant company and one year at the degree-conferring institution will be fulfilled.*
* *Implementation of the project*
	+ *Describe how the partners will facilitate project implementation.*
	+ *Describe the measures you will implement to ensure cooperation between the degree-conferring institution and the company throughout the project period.*
	+ *The company and the university must work together to ensure that other tasks do not hinder project progress. Any obligatory tasks must be clarified beforehand. Describe how this will be taken into account vis-à-vis the project.*
	+ *Describe the measures the company will implement to ensure necessary project progress.*
	+ *For four-year projects (75 %): Explain how the candidate will be given the time needed to complete the doctoral project. Describe what steps will the company take to ensure that other tasks do not hinder project progress.*
	+ *For three-year projects (100 %): Explain how the candidate will be given the time needed to complete the doctoral project. Describe what steps will the company take to ensure that the candidate’s time will be spent solely on working on the project.*
* *Collaboration with other actors*
	+ *Please describe your plan for completing the project in the event that any partners withdraw from the project while it is underway.*

# Professional and scientific environment of the project and candidate supervision

The Project Owner and partners must jointly be able to provide the candidate with a satisfactory professional and scientific environment as well as adequate support and supervision for completing the doctoral project. Provide a description below of the professional and scientific environment and how the candidate will be supervised.

The following information must be included:

* + *Professional environment provided by the company for the candidate and how this will support the candidate*
	+ *Supervision of the candidate in the company. Briefly describe the internal supervisor's position and level of education, and how his/her expertise will contribute to the project*
	+ *The scientific environment surrounding the candidate at the degree conferring institution and how it will support the candidate*
	+ *Supervisory activities for the candidate at the degree conferring institution*
	+ *The professional and scientific environment provided by any other partners*
	+ *Other relevant information*

# The company’s financial ability to carry out the project

The Project Owner (the company) must demonstrate the financial ability to carry out the project. This means that the company must be able to secure funding for the entire duration of the project, also in the case of delays. Please note that we may request additional documentation during the application phase to assess whether this requirement can be met. Please confirm that the company is able to fund the project in the case of postponements and describe in detail how the company will secure the funding needed to complete the project.

The following information must be included:

* + *Confirmation of funding for the duration of the project, also in the case of postponements or delays*
	+ *The type of product or service the company sells*
	+ *The company’s current sources of income, both short-term and long-term sources*
	+ *Whether the company is in a stable financial situation, and whether this situation is expected to change during the project period*
	+ *Explanation of what enables the company to take on the commitment to the project over the next three or four years*
	+ *Other relevant information*