

Assessment of feasibility

TIME

- List of main tasks
- Estimate of duration and person months
- Gantt chart

FUNDING

- Summary of main project costs
E.g. registration fees, living expenses (for self-funded projects), research equipment, consumables, travel and subsistence, conference fees, specialist software and licences, training

EXPERTISE

- Match between the student's skills, and the needs of the project
- Availability of key persons to provide training or advice on specialised techniques, software, statistical analysis, interview methods.

QUALITY

- The contribution to knowledge, originality and publication potential and assessment of whether these are sufficient to satisfy an external examiner.
- List of opportunities for the PhD researcher to express research independence and engage in career development.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- List of the most serious risks and assess how likely they are to occur.
- List actions that can mitigate these risks.
- If needed, propose an alternative course of action (Plan B).