

## *Clinical PhD-Program*

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### **Application for the funded research leave (12 months) and placement to the PhD program**

The Medical University of Graz is dedicated to actively supporting the next generation of Clinician Scientists, bridging the gap between clinical expertise and pioneering research. The Clinical PhD Program is uniquely designed to support medical doctors in strengthening their doctoral projects through high-impact, state-of-the-art research. With an emphasis on lab rotations and/or international research stays, the program aims to produce high-quality publications in leading peer-reviewed journals.

Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to excellent scientific research and present a clear plan for expanding their current doctoral project. Students of the Doctoral Program in Medical Science at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, who explicitly have the support of the head of their department/institute are eligible to apply. Students are specifically encouraged to integrate advanced methodologies—such as wet-lab techniques—into their research. Selected candidates receive dedicated funding of one year, allowing them to rotate out of clinical duties and focus exclusively on their thesis project. Clinical work (night shifts etc.) is not permitted during the research leave. Departments may fill the resulting vacancy for the duration of the leave.

Based on the written application, suitable applicants may be invited for an oral hearing in front of the faculty of the clinical PhD-Program.



- Motivation | ½ pages

- Background & State of the Art | ½ pages

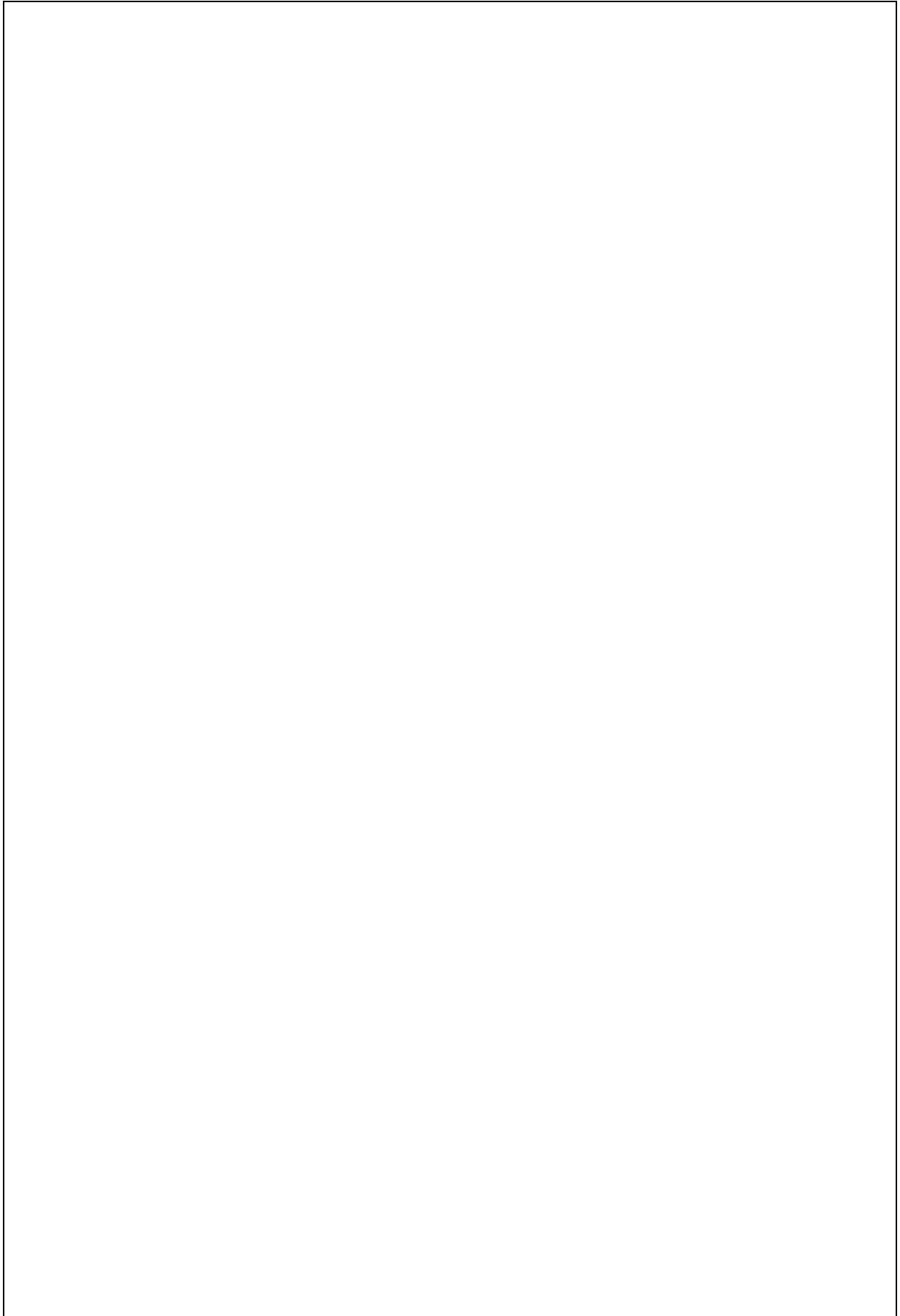


- Hypothesis & Objectives | ½ pages

- Work Program & Methodology | 1 ½ pages



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- Risks & Mitigation (learning potential in case of failure) | ½ pages

- Originality & Significance | ½ pages



- Time Schedule incl. Gantt chart and Deliverables | ½ pages

- Involved Personal and Cooperations (list and explain the role of your PhD committee members) | ½ pages



- CV, including publication list (in tabulatory form) | 1 page

Signatures and Confirmations:

<b>Information about the applicant</b>	
Enrolled since	
Current Thesis project	

<b>PhD student</b>	
Name	
Department/Organizational Unit	
Phone	
E-mail	
Date	Signature

<b>Supervisor</b>	
Name	
Department/Organizational Unit	
Phone	
E-mail	
Date	Signature

<b>Head of the Department/Organizational Unit</b>	
Name	
Department/Organizational Unit	
Phone	
E-mail	
Date	Signature

Additional Documents to be submitted:

- Letter of support from Head of the Department/ Organizational Unit
- Current Dissertation Agreement
- Letter of invitation from host lab (optional)