

Guidelines for writing a declaration of intent for a PhD dissertation

A PhD is a serious commitment; we would like to ensure that the student understands this and plans a suitable PhD project with their supervisor/s. Therefore, the Declaration of Intent is part of the application package for the PhD program. It should briefly convey the importance and originality of the suggested PhD research and its feasibility (materials, methods, facilities, expertise). It is preliminary by nature, as the student is not expected to be proficient in all matters pertaining to the research prior to its beginning. However, it *is* expected that the declaration will demonstrate at least some knowledge of the research question and its importance and novelty. The declaration must be written properly, demonstrating the student's ability to communicate the rationale of their planned research in the form of an academic text.

1. **The scope of the declaration of intent:** about 5–6 pages (A4, 1.5 space, font 12) following the accepted rules of academic writing.
2. **Dissertation title:** to be given even if not final.
3. **Research goals and questions.**
4. **Theoretical background.**
5. **Research methods and tools.**
6. **Bibliography.**
7. If the material required for research demands the access to archaeological materials, archives, museum specimens, etc. please specify how this access will be obtained.
8. If the research involves high expenses, please specify the source of funding.
9. If there is more than one supervisor, please specify their areas of responsibility.

