

APPENDICES TO THE APPLICATION

A separate research plan must be attached to the application, written in Finnish, Swedish or English.



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Instructions for writing a separate research plan

- The research plan with appendices (tables, diagrams, bibliography) can be ten pages long (12-point font and line spacing 1.5). Too long a research plan or the wrong format may be reasons for rejection of the application.
- An optional title page and list of contents must fit in the ten pages given.
- Add page numbers, which are counted starting on the first page.
- A description of the background of the research can be no longer than the presentation of the study's goals, materials and methods.
- The literature review must be up to date.
- Use references with researchers' names and years of publication, not numeric codes.
- Use the Expert Committee's [assessment form](#) (in Finnish) when drafting your research plan.
- List used references in alphabetical order at the end of the application.
- Include an explanation of the current phase of the work. If the research project is broad and has continued for a number of years (e.g. dissertation), state clearly how the work has progressed and, in particular, which part of the research the applied grant will fund.

The research plan must include:

- Background of the research, including why the planned study is necessary.
- Research questions to be answered or a hypothesis that is expected to be confirmed.
- Description of the study design **
- A description of the study population/material, including the planned number of participants or units of observation and its justification
- Description of research methods: research methods here refer to the ways that will be used to gather the data to be analysed
- Description of the strategy for statistical analyses
- Assessment of the study's ethics
- Applicant's assessment of how the research will enhance dental science
- Detailed explanation of the applicant's own role in the research project and a short description of the roles of other parties/researchers who will participate in it
- Detailed plan for the use of the grant, as well as an explanation of the grant's significance in conducting the research
- Timetable for the research
- For research aiming at a dissertation, a short explanation of the whole dissertation project and its timetable

** Crucial points in descriptions of the study design have different emphases in different research fields. For example, the study design of a clinical, epidemiological cause-consequence study must include at least the following:

- How will candidates for the study be recruited?
- What are the criteria for inclusion and exclusion?
- On what basis will groups to be compared be formed?
- What phenomenon/phenomena will be compared among the groups?