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APPENDICES TO THE APPLICATION

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

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?

In addition to the requirements outlined above, the research plan for a Project Grant must specifically address the following:

- Resources and conditions for project implementation: Describe the key resources and other conditions available for carrying out the project and explain how they support its implementation.
- Project implementation and timetable: Describe the key stages of the project and any subprojects, together with their planned timetable. Explain how the different stages of the project form a coherent and feasible whole.
- Research team and division of responsibilities: Describe the composition of the research team, the key tasks and roles of the individuals involved in the project, and the expertise relevant to carrying out the project. If not all individuals to be recruited to the project at a later stage have yet been identified, describe the planned staffing needs and responsibilities.
- Budget and use of funding: Provide a project budget and describe how the funding applied for will be used. Justify the key costs and explain their relevance to the implementation of the project. The budget must be proportionate to the project's objectives, implementation, and timetable.