

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PLAN

MAXIMUM 14 PAGES

**TO BE SENT TO THE JURY MEMBERS NO LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS PRIOR
TO YOUR CANDIDACY EXAM**

- 1) **Summary:** clearly describing the topic of the thesis, providing contextual information and short state-of-the-art, and answering the « what, why and how » questions:
 - What are you doing ?
 - Why is it important to perform this work (motivations) ?
 - How do you intend to make progress (what do you intend to do to contribute to the issue and/or improve on the start-of-the-art)
- 2) **Keywords**
- 3) **State-of-the-art:** clearly describe the problem in more detail, building upon the introduction and the state-of-the-art (describing previous work in the area, including the basis you will build your work upon). If necessary, this section can contain subsections like:
 - Problem
 - State-of-the-art
 - Motivations to further work in this area, including a smooth transition to the next section
- 4) **State of research performed by student:** a Phd thesis research plan is typically written one year after PhD enrolment. This is thus where you describe what you have done so far in the area described above and make reference to your contributions/publications/reports, etc. This section can contain several subsections addressing/describing different aspects of your preliminary work. While doing this, also try to clearly identify open issues that you should further address/investigate later (and as described in the next section).
- 5) **Detailed Research Plan:** clearly describing research, development, evaluation and benchmarking work you intend to do during the next 3 years. You should split this section into different reasonable « tasks ».
- 6) **Schedule:** providing a rough (tentative) schedule for the above tasks, not forgetting at least a 3-month slot at the end of the writing of this thesis.
- 7) **References**