

### Thesis proposal – step by step

- **15 pages is a maximum, PRL style (Font size 12 pt Arial or Times New Romans) - not including references (thesis proposals longer than 15 pages will not be accepted by EDMX)**
- Title
- Abstract ( $\approx 1/2$  page)
- Introduction (motivating the research) ( $\approx 1/2$  page)
- Statement of the problem and the specific issues to be studied ( $\approx 1/2$  page)
- Previous work (critical review of the literature which is relevant to the scientific issues to be pursued during the thesis work) (3-5 pages)
- Objectives of the Thesis and statement of the novelty of the proposed work ( $\approx 1$  page)
- Preliminary work done by the applicant (2-3 pages)
- Proposed research program (including approach, new model(s)/ technique(s)/idea(s), hypothesis and anticipated results, risks and contingency plans) (3-5 pages)
- Data management (1/2 page)
- Timelines for completion (for a total duration of 4 years from the date the thesis work has been started) ( $\approx 1/2$  page)
- References