



## Research Proposal PhD Project

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**\*This form can be completed in either Dutch or English\***

General information	
Department/Section	/
Name PhD researcher	
Starting date PhD project	
End date PhD project	
Name(s) promotor(es)	
Names co-promotor(es)/ co-supervisor(s)	
Type of PhD	<input type="checkbox"/> PhD employee <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship PhD <input type="checkbox"/> Contract PhD <input type="checkbox"/> External PhD <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Research Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Criminal Law (ECL) <input type="checkbox"/> Law on Energy and Sustainability (LES) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Interaction and Multilevel Governance (RIMGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interests and Private Relationships (PIPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Trust and Public Law (PTPL) <input type="checkbox"/> Transboundary Legal Studies (TLS) <input type="checkbox"/> User-friendly Private Law (UPL) <input type="checkbox"/> Sources of Byzantine-Roman Law
Funding body/programme	<input type="checkbox"/> University of Groningen (UG) <input type="checkbox"/> NWO (please specify project): <input type="checkbox"/> EU (please specify project): <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):



**Details of PhD project**

Instruction:

The research proposal is evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria:

1. Delineation and clarity of research questions (question 3)
2. Clarity and suitability of the methodologies (question 4)
3. Feasibility of the research plan (question 5)

**1. Working title**

**2. Summary (maximum 250 words)**

**3. Central Research Question**

1. Provide a clear elaboration of the research questions addressed in this project.

Discuss the:

- a. Problem statement (what is the problem being researched?)
- b. Objective (what insights does your study aim to deliver?)
- c. Research question, including sub-questions (how does your study deliver these insights? Which specific questions will be addressed?)



<b>4. Design and Methodological-technical approach</b>
a. Explain the design of the project and motivate the choices. Describe the research methodology and explain why the methodology is suitable to answer the research questions.
b. Sources of study: which type of source or data will be used in the study, e.g. legal dogmatic source, empirical data etc...
<b>5. Feasibility</b>
a. Describe the work plan of your project, including a planning in years.
b. Explain how (the subject of) the project is delineated.
c. What do you consider to be the main risks of your research project? (E.g., are the research questions interdependent? If so, which measures have you taken to prevent delay if an earlier question has not (yet) been answered? This is particularly relevant when the study also involves empirical research.)
d. Will the dissertation consist of articles? If so, give information about your co-authors, and which arrangements have been made about co-authorship and with whom.
<b>6. Relation to existing literature and originality</b>
Remark: questions 3 to 5 about feasibility, research questions and the methodology are the central questions of the CWB review. The CWB reviews questions 6 to 10 in relation to these three questions. 11 and 12 deal with questions about research integrity.
a. What will be the contribution to the existing knowledge in this field? Explain briefly to which existing knowledge the project is linked and provide references to relevant literature.



- b. Indicate in which aspects the project is original, for example as regards the definition of the problem, development of a theory, research methods or new applications of existing methods.

### 7. Scientific relevance

Indicate whether the project is of interest from a theoretical, methodological and/or descriptive point of view.

### 8. Societal relevance

- a. Indicate the societal relevance of the project.

- b. Which questions of which groups in society is the project trying to answer?

### 9. Connection with research programme

- a. Indicate how the project fits within the research programme.

### 10. Supervision

- a. How is the supervision organised? What arrangements have been made?

- b. Specify the substantive and methodological expertise of the supervisor and co-supervisor(s) on this specific research area.



- c. Specify the candidate's substantive and methodological (particularly when conducting empirical research) experience relevant to the study

### 11. Using Data in Research

When data other than public sources is used in the research, the researcher should comply with the Research Data Protocol of the Faculty of Law.

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For more information on data management, the Faculty Protocol and the Publication Package, please visit the [website of the faculty](#):

If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to discuss with the secretary of the Faculty's Research Ethical Review Committee (CETOR), Maarten Goldberg ([m.goldberg@rug.nl](mailto:m.goldberg@rug.nl)).

Do you use data from other than public sources? If so, describe how research data will be handled.

### 12. Using Personal Data and Participants in Research

Does the research make use of participants in interviews, surveys or do you process personal data in your research?

If so, please indicate briefly, what type of data is involved and how participants or data subjects will be informed about the research and how their consent will be obtained.

Note: Your research will also be assessed by the Faculty's Research Ethical Review Committee (CETOR). The secretary, Maarten Goldberg ([m.goldberg@rug.nl](mailto:m.goldberg@rug.nl)) will contact you about this.

**Please send this form to the coordinator of the Groningen Graduate School of Law (GGSL), Marjolijn Both, at [ggsl@rug.nl](mailto:ggsl@rug.nl).**