

INSTITUTE FOR LOGIC,  
LANGUAGE AND COMPUTATION

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A PHD PROJECT PROPOSAL**  
**PhD positions ILLC 2013**  
**(only for applications at the Faculty of Humanities)**

**IMPORTANT**

All proposals have to fit within the research areas covered by the *Logic and Language* and/or the *Language and Computation* groups at ILLC. Please read the webpages on the research carried in these groups carefully: <http://www.illc.uva.nl/research>.

Only those proposals for which a promoter/supervisor is available within ILLC are fundable. You may specify a potential supervisor in your proposal, but this is not necessary. In principle, ILLC will match successful applicants with an appropriate and qualified supervisor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

The PhD proposal has to be submitted **before Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013**. Candidates will begin 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013. The proposal should be written in English and submitted in digital form (pdf-format).

Together with your proposal you should also submit a letter of motivation, a CV, a list of grades obtained for your Bachelor and Master (or equivalent) programmes, as well as names and contact details of two academic referees. Please also include a writing sample (such as your MSc thesis or a term paper), preferably a link to an online version.

When submitting a proposal, organize it according to the headings given below.

**1. Project title**

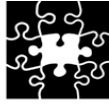
Short and enlightening title.

**2. Summary**

Include a summary of the project in which the most relevant aspects are mentioned: type of research, (central) research question(s), expected results. Max 200 words. Do not exceed this limit.

**3. PhD Candidate**

Your name.



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**4. Description of the proposed research**

You have 2500 words for the description itself. Within this word limit you should cover:

**a. Goal and topic:** Specify the goal and topic of the research.

**b. Method and approach:** Specify method and approach to be followed during the research.

**c. Type and amount of data:** Indicate type and amount of data/sources/literature as specifically as possible.

**d. Embedding:** Indicate how the project relates to the research carried out at ILLC.

Apart from the 2500 word description, you may add a bibliography of max. 1 page A4, 9pt and an annex (for instance, with a sample of relevant data) of max. 2 pages A4, 9pt.

**5. Work programme**

Pay special attention to the planning of the project: the research has to finish within the period of the appointment (4 years). The project has to be planned in such a way that the goals of the project correspond with a realistic planning. Do not forget to include a component 'education and supervision'. Take also account of a substantial amount of time for writing the dissertation. The manuscript has to be sent to the committee by the end date of the project. The time schedule must be specific and detailed.

**NWO NOMINATIONS**

Apart from appointing a PhD student at the ILLC/Faculty of Humanities, we intend to nominate one or two proposals from the shortlist for this position for funding by NWO (The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research). These proposals will need to be transformed into the NWO format before the NWO deadline on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013. You are therefore strongly advised to make sure you have enough spare time to do this between 15<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013.