

Guidelines for Submitting a PhD Statement of Purpose to the PhD Marine Biology Committee

1. Scope of Statement of Purposes: up to 5 printed pages not including bibliography, written in English and signed by the future supervisor.
2. Name of the doctoral dissertation: even if the name undergoes a slight change prior to submission of the detailed proposal, already in the stage of the statement of purposes the name of the doctoral dissertation needs to indicate the purpose of the research and, as much as possible, also its innovative aspect.
3. Abstract- one paragraph that includes a brief summary of the research proposal: the scientific background necessary to understand the research rationale, the gap in knowledge, the aim of the proposed research, major experimental/analytical approaches, and expected significance.
4. Purpose of the research (Objectives).
5. Theoretical background (establishing the proposed research on relevant bodies of knowledge).
6. Research questions.
7. Methodology:
 - a. Tools and methods: ways of collecting data -, methods for analyzing the data.
 - b. Justification of the methodology chosen while relating to the research question and the theoretical background.
8. Importance and novelty of the research.
9. Initial bibliography.
10. If there is more than one supervisor – the areas of responsibility should be delineated for each of the supervisors