**Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg**  
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**PhD Proposal**

***Topic of the research project***

Research Area

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E-Mail address  
Date

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# 1. Abstract

Max. 1 page

*The abstract should include a statement of the problem, objectives and hypothesis, methods, scope and contribution of the project to the field of research, and conclusions. In addition, up to five keywords can be mentioned here. The aim of the abstract is to make the reader want to know more about your research.*

# 2. PhD Proposal

Max. 10 pages

## 2.1 State of the Art

*The thorough literature research and its discussion is the first step in the preparation of the proposal. The point of a research proposal is not to present the history of the field, but to briefly and precisely present the current status in the chosen research area.*

## 2.2 Contribution to the Research Area

*This chapter explains the added value of the project to the chosen research area and how the project can contribute to the scientific development or fill scientific, practical, theoretical or artistic gaps.*

## 2.3 Hypotheses and Research Objectives

*The objectives should result directly from the state of the art and your own preliminary work. If it is suitable, a hypothesis is formulated. In addition, intermediate goals that contribute to answering the actual research question can be defined. The objectives can serve as a structure in the work plan.*

## 2.4 Methodological Approach

*The methodological approach describes how the research question is to be answered, which methods will be used and why exactly these and no other methods will be used. It must be clear that the planned procedure is well considered and that the planned procedures are feasible.*

## 2.5 Expected Outcomes

*The expected results of the project are to be described in more detail and how they contribute to the knowledge in the respective research area. It should be outlined, how the novel outcomes can increase the impact of the project in a broader scientific, social, economic or technological way.*

## 2.6 Tentative Chapters of the PhD Thesis

*Please include a preliminary structure of your dissertation (chapters, sub-chapters, etc.).*

# 3. Literature

*Please add a list of the literature you have cited in your proposal. This list should be complete and consistently formatted.*

# 4. Work Plan

*A work plan as a Gantt chart must be attached. The plan includes the listing of the individual work packages and the estimated amount of time to complete the work packages. In addition to the intermediate goals to be achieved (including periods for research, analysis and writing), the compulsory curriculum or research stays abroad should be taken into account.*