**Research plan/Project description**  
The research plan ( = Project description) shall consist of a brief but complete description of the research task. The focus of the research plan shall be forward-looking, and it shall cover a maximum of 10 page-numbered A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing, including references and any images. Put your name in the top margin (header). The research plan shall include the following headings and information, listed in the following order:

**Title** of your proposal.  
  
**Purpose and aims:** State the overall purpose and specific goals of the research project.

**State-of-the-art:** Summarise briefly the current research frontier within the field/area covered by the project. State key references.  
  
**Significance and scientific novelty:** Describe briefly how the project relates to previous research within the area, and its importance in the short and long term. Describe also how the project movesforward or innovates the current research frontier.  
  
**Preliminary and previous results:** Describe briefly your own previous research and pilot studies within the research area that make it probable that the project will be feasible. State also if no preliminary results exist. State whether the project contributes further to research and scientific results from a grant awarded previously by the Swedish Research Council.  
  
**Project:** Describe the project design, including the following items:  
  
**Theory and method:** Describe the underlying theory and the methods to be applied in order to reach the project goal.  
  
**Time plan and implementation:** Describe summarily the time plan for the project during the grant period, and how the project will be implemented.  
  
**Project organisation:** Clarify the contributions of yourself and any participating researchers to the implementation of the project. Describe and explain the competences and roles of the participating researchers in the project, and also any other researchers or corresponding who are important for the implementation of the project.  
  
Provide the following information also. If a heading is not relevant to your application, please leave it blank:  
  
**Equipment:** Describe the basic equipment you and your team have at your disposal for the project.  
  
**Need for infrastructure:** Specify the project’s need for international and national infrastructure. Specify also the need for local infrastructure, if depreciation costs for this is included in the application. Read more about research infrastructure supported by the Swedish Research Council.  
  
**International and national collaboration:** Describe your own and the team’s collaboration with foreign and Swedish researchers and research teams. State whether you contribute to or refer to international collaboration in your research.  
  
**Other applications or grants:** If you are applying for or intend to apply for other grants from the Swedish Research Council, the relationship between the projects shall be clarified. This applies also if you are receiving ongoing grants from the Swedish Research Council with grant periods that wholly or partly overlap with the grant you are now applying for. You should also

justify why you are submitting one or several further applications. Describe also the relationship with other applications to or grants from other funding bodies for the same project concept (from you or another researcher).  
  
**Independent line of research:** If you are working or will be working in a larger group, please clarify how your project relates to the other projects in the group. If you are continuing a project that was wholly or partly started during your doctoral or postdoc studies, you must also describe the relationship between your project and the research of your former supervisor.