# 1. Registration form

**1.1 Details of applicant**

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| Name, title(s) |  |
| Gender (male/female/specify as you desire) |  |
| University, Department (or Institute) |  |
| Address for correspondence |  |
| Telephone |  |
| E-mail |  |

**1.2 Title of research proposal**

**1.3 Abstract**

*Max. 100 words.*

**1.4 MSc degree**

*List your MSc degree(s), including date, field & institution from which you received the degree.*

**1.5 Complete name & email address dissertation supervisor(s)**

*If already known, please state the complete name & email address of the dissertation supervisor(s) for the proposed research.*

# 2. Research proposal

**Description of the proposed research**

*Max. 4000 words (excluding references, including footnotes) for 2.1 and 2.2. combined*

*(use word count to specify number of words). A good research proposal describes a central research question that is well embedded in the current, peer-reviewed literature, along with a proposed series of four studies to investigate specific questions in line with the central research question. Include details on:*

**2.1 Research topic (including theoretical/conceptual framework, aim and research questions)**

**2.2 Approach (method and setup per study)**

**2.3 Scientific integrity**

*Max. 200 words. Include details on:*

* *Ethical approval: From which review board(s) do you need to seek ethical approval? What specific aspects of your study (e.g. involvement of human participants, collection of sensitive data) require particular attention during ethical review?*
* *Use of AI: If using AI tools in your research, how will you address issues such as bias, transparency, and verifiability to ensure responsible use? If AI was used in writing this proposal, please indicate clearly and describe how it was used.*

*You may refer to the following guidelines for further support:*

* [SHE Scientific Integrity](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/research/she/she-research/scientific-integrity)
* [AI Guidance](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/node/57958)

*Please note that policies on scientific integrity might be continuously evolving, and new insights may lead to changes in practices. Therefore, the plan you outline in your proposal is not fixed or binding. Be prepared to adapt your approach as the field develops.*

**2.4 Data management**

*Max. 200 words. Describe how you will ensure responsible data management (e.g. data collection, storage, sharing, and privacy)? When will you complete and submit your Data Management Plan (DMP), and who will support you in doing so? Further information:*

* [Data management](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/research/she/she-research/scientific-integrity/data-management-your-research-project-when-do-what)

**2.5 Literature references**

*Max. 35 references.*

**2.6 Time plan**

*Max. 1 page. Provide an overview of what your PhD trajectory will look like in terms of time and planning. Take the different phases of each study into account, as well as the final phase of completing the dissertation. Describe what research or personal factors you already know that could delay your PhD progress, and how you plan to manage them. (E.g., time needed for ethical approval and publication/peer review; your study population’s availability and willingness to participate; dependence on other researchers, institutions or stakeholders; time you are appointed to spend on your PhD; work-life balance, etc.)*

**2.7 Setting within Research Group**

*Max. 200 words. Describe how the proposal relates to the SHE Research Program, and possibly to other research that you are involved in.*

**2.8 Main publications**

*If available, list your main publications.*

**2.9 Output**

*Describe expected scientific output and dissemination of results (Thesis, papers, presentations, dissemination plan).*

**2.10 Societal & scientific impact**

*Max. 200 words. If applicable, describe how the results can be applied in other research areas, and in education, educational policy, healthcare, society, business, etc.?*

# 3. Signature

Name: Place: Date: