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General Guidelines for Pursuing a PhD under my Supervision

I frequently receive inquiries from MA-students/graduates who wish to pursue a PhD under my supervision. This is basically possible and I am grateful for your interest. However, the following guidelines must be considered before details of a possible cooperation can be discussed.

It would be much appreciated if you could consider the following preconditions before contacting me. This will make your proposal more conclusive and promising.

1.
The topic of your research-project has to be in line with my research interests. Please refer to the department's homepage for details.

2.
In order to deal with your inquiry a research proposal is required, including hypotheses, research questions and precise information about the methodology of the study and the research process itself, i.e. how long it should run, a schedule of your activities, and proposed field research phases (max. 5 pages in total). Please understand that I cannot give any recommendations for this phase of preparation.

3.
Please submit your detailed CV (plus scans of all degrees) and – at least if we have not previously worked together – two letters of recommendation provided by professors familiar with the quality of your work and your personal motivation to persevere in pursuing projects.

4.
Last but not least the funding of your PhD-project has to be guaranteed so that you can be located at my university for the duration of the project. Please note that my university cannot provide any scholarships or financial support. If your responses to 1-3 are convincing, I am willing to assist you in applying for scholarships provided by research foundations on the basis of a personal interview in Dortmund.

Please note that while providing the necessary information and documents is a precondition for implementing a project under my supervision it is no guarantee that an application for a scholarship will succeed.

Once again thanks for your interest!

Warmest regards,

Christoph Schuck