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Letter of motivation

Your letter of motivation is an important part of your application. It should give a brief and concise outline of your previous career, your research interests, as well as your motivation for the intended research project.

Format and length: PDF format with a maximum length of 500 words (corresponding to about 1 A4 page)

In your letter of motivation, you should address the following aspects:

- Your previous academic and professional career, as well as any special, relevant qualifications and previous experience
- Your motivation for starting a doctoral programme
- Description of why you would like to complete a doctoral programme at the University of Vienna. If applicable, you can also specify (a) preliminary or desired supervisor(s) at this point.
- Please outline to what extent your intended doctoral project relates to the doctoral programme of your choice as well as to the academic thematic focus at the faculty/department.