* At the end of this form you will find explanations / instructions per question. Please consult these before filling in the form.
* Incomplete applications, applications in a different format, or applications that do not meet the conditions as mentioned in this form or in the instructions, will not be taken into consideration by WASS.
* Make sure that all the required documents are attached.
* Applications should be submitted at the latest at **Thursday 4 October 2018, 9 AM (CET time).** Send your **application plus annexes digitally** to [wass@wur.nl](mailto:wass@wur.nl).
* For the digital version of the required annexes: this means a scanned version (preferably converted to PDF). Please take notice of the size of each document!

APPLICATION Open Round Wageningen SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCES (WASS)

2018 – PREPROPOSAL

1. First WASS chair group (call A & B):

Research leader:

Second WASS chair group (call B):

Research leader:

1. PROPOSED PhD CANDIDATE   
   (Particulars, Full Name, Nationality, Address, including email address).

HOME INSTITUTE (if applicable)

(Full name and address):

1. PROJECT TITLE   
   (if relevant: incl. in the title the name(s) of the country(ies) where the research will be carried out):
2. SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT (**max. 500 words, add word count**:)

Please describe:

a. Scientific significance & relevance

b. Problem definition and research objectives

c. Indication of methodology & implementation

1. INTENDED STARTING DATE

Starting date :

Full-time (4 year) or 0.8 appointment (5 year) ?

1. APPLICATION ELSEWHERE

Have you sent/ will you send in this project for application of a scholarship elsewhere?

a) No

b) Yes: please, mention date of application and institution

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **CHAIR GROUPS**

Mention here the names of the involved WASS chair groups.

1. **PROPOSED PhD CANDIDATE**

Candidates must be in the possession of a Master degree (or equivalent). The deadline for completion of the Master Degree (graduation or an official statement of completion of Master Degree requirements) is set at 1 January 2019.

Provide the name, nationality and full address of the PhD candidate.

The following documents must be included as additional documents:

* a support letter from the involved chair groups
* a motivation letter
* a CV including date of birth, nationality, academic degrees (place, title and date(s) of graduation), work experience, affiliation / connection to local organisations, title of MSc/MA thesis and a list of publications)
* two letters of recommendation
* a copy of academic diplomas (MSc/MA), if not in English or Dutch ***also*** include official translations in English
* transcripts of Academic Records (MSc/MA), if not in English or Dutch ***also*** include official translations in English
* proof of proficiency in the English language\*
* a copy of the candidate’s valid passport

\* With regard to the English test certificates:

Minimum required scores:

* TOEFL internet-based 90, with minimum sub-score 23 for speaking
* IELTS 6.5, with minimum sub-score 6.0 for speaking
* Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) with minimum grade B
* Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) any grade

All PhD candidates must have passed one of the English language tests mentioned above within the past two years, except:

1. Dutch candidates
2. Native English speaking candidates from the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada (except Quebec), Australia or New Zealand
3. Candidates who can prove that the language of instruction in their MSc was completely in English
4. **PROJECT TITLE**

Provide a short but informative project title

1. **SUMMARY**

Provide a summary of 500 words at maximum excluding the references, and containing at least the following elements:

* scientific significance/ innovative aspects
* research problem, research objective(s) and research questions
* indicates the methodology & implementation

1. **REFERENCES**

Provide references in the usual way for scientific research, max. 1 A4

1. **INTENDED STARTING DATE**

The starting date can be adjusted to available courses, field work period, etc.

1. **APPLICATION ELSEWHERE**

Indicate whether you have you sent/are planning to send in this project for application of a scholarship elsewhere. If so, then please indicate the date and institution of application and the phase within the procedure. If your application should end high in the WASS ranking, we will contact you to discuss the probabilities of scholarships.

**Questions**

If you have any questions about this form or the procedure, please contact [wass@wur.nl](mailto:wass@wur.nl) .

# **CHECKLIST FOR WASS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**The application/proposal form (plus annexes) must be submitted by email at the latest on 4 October 2018, 9.00 AM, to** [**wass@wur.nl**](mailto:wass@wur.nl)**.**

**Incomplete applications and applications arriving after 9.00 AM on 4 October 2018 will not be taken into consideration.**

*Checklist of Required Documents and Annexes*

* **Support letter involved chair groups**
* **The PhD preproposal form**
* **Motivation letter**
* **CV of the candidate, including a list of publications**
* **Two letters of recommendation (please use the form attached)**
* **Photocopy of the passport of the candidate**   
  (necessary for a visa application. Please make sure the passport is valid)
* **Photocopy of the BSc and MSc/MA diploma \***  
  (if not in English or Dutch, include the copies of the original transcripts as well as officialtranslations)
* **Photocopy of transcripts of BSc and MSc/MA records**  
  (if not in English or Dutch, include the copies of the original transcripts as well asofficialtranslations)
* **TOEFL or IELTS test results\*\*(if applicable)**

**\*** *Diplomas*

The required BSc and MSc/MA documentation are necessary for the official evaluation of diplomas: in case a fellowship is awarded, these documents will be sent to NUFFIC for a diploma evaluation. This is part of the process of formally admitting PhD candidates to Wageningen University, as described under Dutch law.

***\*\**** *English requirements*

Proof of English proficiency is a prerequisite for entering the PhD Programme of Wageningen University. Only TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge test results are accepted as such. This means that statements by supervisors or the local institute cannot be accepted. All PhD candidates must have passed one of the English language tests mentioned above within the past two years, except:

Dutch candidates

Native English speaking candidates from the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada (except Quebec), Australia or New Zealand

Candidates who can prove that the language of instruction in their MSc was completely in English

**Letter of Recommendation**

Name applicant

Name referee

Function

Address

**Please,** indicate whether the applicant can be expected to complete a dissertation in four years (full-time appointment), commenting on keywords such as analytic capacity, perseverance, ability to focus, ability to carry out independent research, preferably in not more than 300 words.