* 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 **Monday 18 November 2019, 9.00 AM (Amsterdam 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)

2019 – FULL PROPOSAL

1. First WASS chair group:

Research leader:

Second WASS chair group:

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. 200 words, add word count**:)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (**for question 5a-5c, a max. of 1200 words is applicable, add word count**:)

a. Scientific significance

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b. Detailed problem definition and research objectives

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c. Methodological design

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d. References (bibliographic) (maximum 1 A4)

6. RELEVANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION (**max. 300 words, add word count**:)

7. ADDED VALUE COLLABORATION OF TWO CHAIR GROUPS (**max. 200 words, add word count**:)

8. WORKPLAN AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Detailed work plan for the first period  
   (**max. 200 words, add word count**:)

1. A rough work plan for the rest of the period   
   (**max. 100 words, add word count**:)

9. INTENDED STARTING DATE

Starting date :

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

10. 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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11. STRATEGIC CONTRIBUTION to Wageningen School of Social Sciences

Strategic contribution to which WASS research theme? Please explain !

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12. BUDGET

An indication of the costs for fieldwork, research, materials and travel

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13. REVIEWERS

Please, name at least four possible independent reviewers (worldwide) for your proposal (indicate name, function, affiliation and email address)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **CHAIR GROUPS**

Mention here the names of the two 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 2020.

1. **PROJECT TITLE**

Provide a short but informative project title

1. **SUMMARY**

Provide a summary of 200 words at maximum. The summary contains the problem definition and objectives and indicates the methodology. This text will be used for further processing in research summaries.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

This is the main body of the project description. Provide a condensed description, with a maximum of 1200 words, excluding the references which may fill 1 A4, and containing at least the following elements:

* scientific significance/ innovative aspects
* research problem, research objective(s) and research questions
* research methodology
* provide references in the usual way for scientific research

1. **RELEVANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Provide in less than 300 words the relevance of the research subject for society and how results could be implemented. Include here formal linkages with (inter)national policy making groups, NGOs, etc.

1. **ADDED VALUE COLLABORATION**

Explain the expertise that each chair group will bring into the project, and the strategic importance and the added value of the collaboration (max. 200 words).

1. **WORKPLAN AND PUBLICATIONS**
2. Detailed work plan for the first period. Indicate the length of the first period and the activities to be performed (including training). (max. 200 words)
3. A rough work plan for the rest of the period. It should be clear that after finalising the thesis (the approval of the supervisor) and submitting it, there is a period of at least 3 months before graduation. (max. 100 words)
4. **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.

1. **STRATEGIC CONTRIBUTION**

Provide a short description of the strategic contribution of this research project to the research themes and mission of WASS.

1. **BUDGET**

As the scholarships cover the PhD salary costs and the specific research cost, travel cost, etcetera, should be covered by the supervising chair group on accepting the allocation of the PhD, the chair group should have an indication of those costs. Please, provide an indication of the costs for fieldwork, research, materials and travel.

1. **REVIEWERS**

The names of at least four possible independent reviewers for the project should be mentioned. The involved chair groups should have checked the availability of these reviewers for doing the review in December 2019. Please, indicate name, function, affiliation and email address.

**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 Monday 18 November 2019, 9.00 AM (Amsterdam time), to** [**wass@wur.nl**](mailto:wass@wur.nl)**.**

**Incomplete applications and applications arriving after 9.00 AM on Monday 18 November 2019 (Amsterdam time) will not be taken into consideration.**

*Checklist of Required Documents and Annexes:*

*All candidates:*

* **The PhD proposal form, including an indication of the costs for fieldwork, research, material and travel**
* **The names of 4 potential reviewers with time in November / Early December 2019**

*Graduate Programme students also include:*

* **Motivation letter**
* **CV of the candidate, including a list of publications**
* **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)
* **Two letters of recommendation (please use the form attached)\*\***

**\*** *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.

**\*\*** *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.*