**Application for a Master’s Thesis**

# About You

Name:

Student ID:

Study program:

Email:

When do you plan to submit your thesis? (month/year):

# Topic

Please fill out the following information

1. *If you pick a topic from the Institute’s list*

Title:

Supervisor’s name:

1. *If you wish to suggest your own topic*

Title:

Preferred supervisor’s name (optional):

Explain briefly why your own topic fits the Institute’s research agenda:

# Motivation

As you plan to dedicate much of your time to your thesis, please describe what motivates you to select the topic you proposed for your thesis. Typically, the motivation could be ***practical*** (the topic is important because it addresses a practical problem), ***theoretical*** (there is something that we need to know more precisely), or ***personal*** (you have a vested interest in understanding/solving a problem, or you have access to a specific company where you are aware that a problem persists).

Please, state your motivation:

Please, state if you have access to a company:

# Theoretical orientation (optional)

A Theory or a theoretical orientation is like a lens: it allows one to see a problem from a specific perspective, highlighting specific aspects of it. Please, describe the theoretical lens that you wish to employ and why it can be useful to your case.

I would like to use the following theory …., because ….

# Research design (optional)

Please inform us of what research design you deem appropriate for your work.

Research approach (you can embolden your answer: … Quantitative OR **Mixed methods** OR …)

Qualitative OR Quantitative OR Mixed methods OR Literature Review OR Experimental OR Conceptual

Data collection: If you know it already, what empirical data will you use?

Data analysis: If you know it already, how will you plan to analyze your data?

# Core Literature (optional)

Please insert 3 to 4 scientific articles that are important to develop your thesis. Feel free to check the list of high-quality academic journals in our Institute’s “guidelines for scientific papers.”

Core Literature:

# INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURE

**Application.** To apply, please send an email with the subject "Application Master Thesis - Your Last Name" and the following documents to the functional address of our institute ([IPV@jku.at](mailto:IPV@jku.at)):

* Latest transcript of records.
* Completed version of this application form.

**Decision.** We decide on applications for supervision two times a year (on February 1 and September 1, respectively). Please submit your applications before these dates to ensure they can be considered within the respective decision round. We will contact all applicants after the respective decision dates.

The acceptance of the application is determined by the available capacities of the institute members, your previous academic achievements in our subject area, and, in the case of a self-proposed topic, its fit to the research focus of the institute, as well as the originality and quality of the idea presented.

**Refined Research Proposal.** Acceptance based on the application materials does not constitute an official supervisory relationship. This requires a sound research proposal approved by your supervisor.

**Registration of the Thesis.** Once the proposal has been accepted, you need to register your master's thesis topic at the Examination and Recognition Services of JKU. From this moment we expect your thesis to be completed within 6 months.

**Master Thesis Seminar.** From the moment your application has been accepted to the moment in which your thesis has been completed, we expect you to attend the master's thesis seminar and deliver a presentation about the progress of your thesis in each semester.