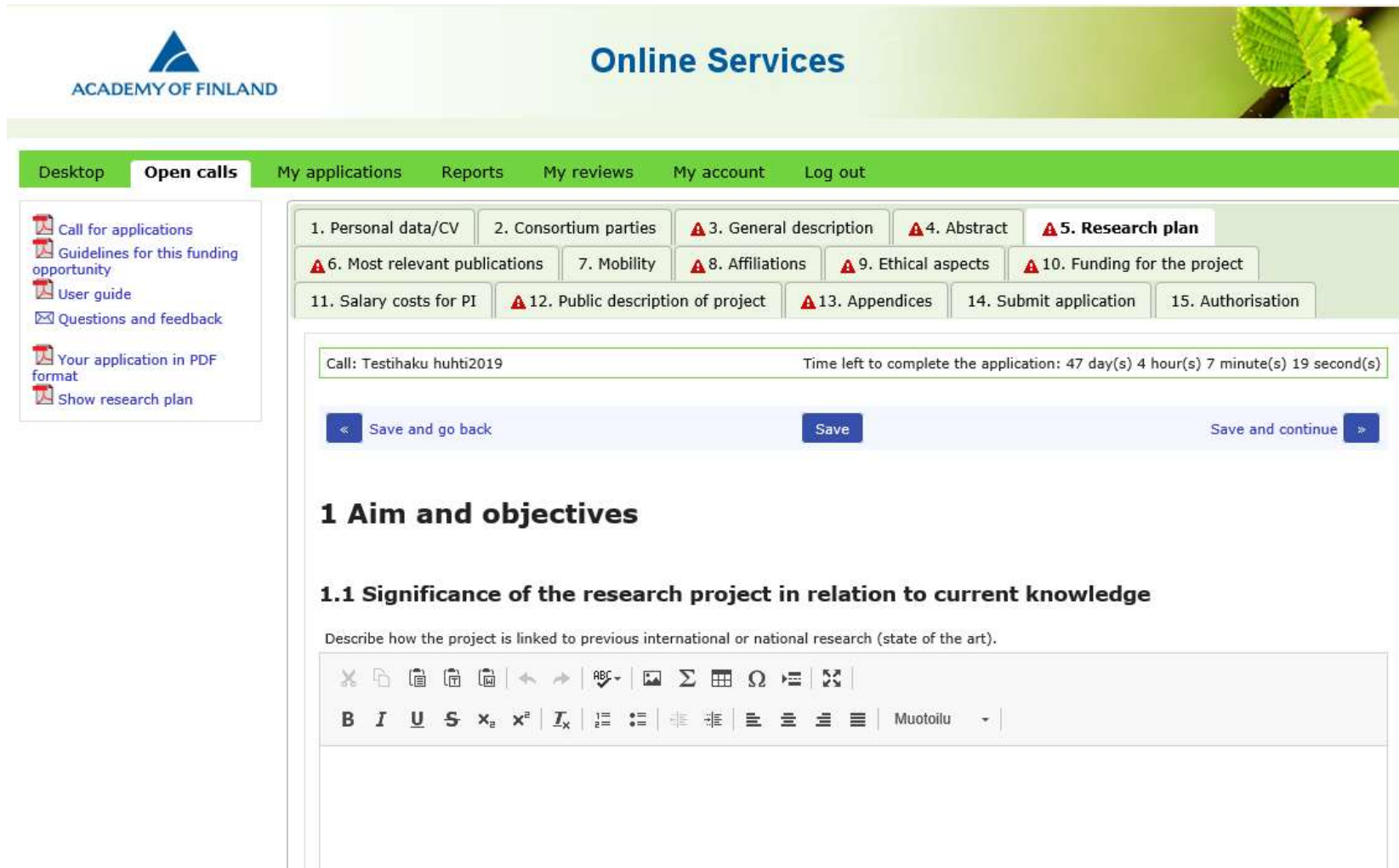


## How to fill in the structured research plan

The research plan is filled in on a separate tab in online application form in the online services. On the tab, fill in the abstract and the project's research plan, including the bibliography. In the case of consortium applications, the research plan is filled in by the consortium PI.



The screenshot shows the 'Online Services' interface for the Academy of Finland. The top navigation bar includes 'Desktop', 'Open calls', 'My applications', 'Reports', 'My reviews', 'My account', and 'Log out'. A sidebar on the left contains links for 'Call for applications', 'Guidelines for this funding opportunity', 'User guide', 'Questions and feedback', 'Your application in PDF format', and 'Show research plan'. The main content area displays a progress bar for 15 steps: 1. Personal data/CV, 2. Consortium parties, 3. General description, 4. Abstract, 5. Research plan, 6. Most relevant publications, 7. Mobility, 8. Affiliations, 9. Ethical aspects, 10. Funding for the project, 11. Salary costs for PI, 12. Public description of project, 13. Appendices, 14. Submit application, and 15. Authorisation. The 'Research plan' step (5) is currently active. Below the progress bar, the call number 'Testihaku huhti2019' and a timer 'Time left to complete the application: 47 day(s) 4 hour(s) 7 minute(s) 19 second(s)' are shown. Navigation buttons include 'Save and go back', 'Save', and 'Save and continue'. The main section is titled '1 Aim and objectives' and contains a sub-section '1.1 Significance of the research project in relation to current knowledge'. The instruction reads: 'Describe how the project is linked to previous international or national research (state of the art)'. A rich text editor toolbar is visible, including icons for undo, redo, bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, text color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, link, unlink, and a 'Muotoilu' dropdown menu.



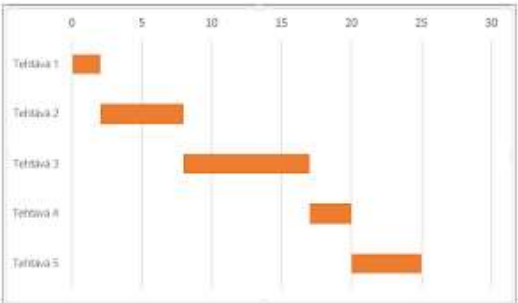
You may add text, images, formulas and tables to the research plan. To do so, use the editor tool above the text field.

## 2.2 Research methods

Describe the research methods and how they will contribute to answering the research questions or confirming the hypotheses, or how they will support the chosen approach. If relevant for the project, also describe the statistical methods to be used.

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The editor tool provides the following features:

- Basic formatting: bold, italic subscript, superscript, strikethrough, underline
- Style: normal, monospace
- The font used in the PDF version of the research plan is Times New Roman, font size 12 pt, line spacing 1,5, marginals 20 mm when the editor formatting is set to “Normal”
- Text layout, page breaks
- Lists
- Tables
- Formulas: you can create a formula in the formula editor, or write it in the editor between the following characters:  $...$  or  $( ... )$  or  $[ ... ]$  or  $\begin{equation} ... \end{equation}$
- Images: Add an image either by clicking on the *Add image* button or with the keyboard command Control (Ctrl) + V

Restrictions:

- Images: maximum image size is 4 MB; supported image formats are JPEG, PNG, GIF and BMP. (BMP is an uncompressed format; in practice, we do not recommend that you use it.)
- The system partly supports pasting from external sources, such as Word, Excel and Google Docs
- Supported browsers: IE 10, IE 11 Edge, Firefox, Chrome and Safari



The length of the research plan is mentioned in the research plan guidelines on the [Academy's website](#). You can check the length and layout of the research plan at any time by clicking on *Show research plan* in the menu on the left. The research plan opens as a PDF file that also shows the number of pages.

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a green navigation bar at the top containing links for Desktop, Open calls, My applications, Reports, Reviews, My account, and Log out. On the left, there is a sidebar menu with options like 'Call for applications', 'Guidelines for this funding opportunity', 'User guide', 'Questions and feedback', 'Your application in PDF format', and 'Show research plan'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail with 14 steps, where step 5, 'Research plan', is highlighted in green and has a warning icon. Below the breadcrumb, a status bar shows 'Call: Testihaku ohjeet' and 'Time left to complete the application: 15 day(s) 6 hour(s) 19 minute(s) 56 second(s)'. A red-bordered warning box states 'The research plan is too long (18 pages, max. 17)'. Below this, there are three buttons: 'Save and go back', 'Save', and 'Save and continue'. At the bottom, there is a text area labeled 'Abstract' containing placeholder text.

If your research plan/reference list exceeds the maximum length, the system will notify you when you try to save the tab. You cannot submit your application if the research plan/reference list exceeds the maximum length or if you have not filled in all required fields.

The research plan will be saved as part of the PDF version of the application (the button *Your application in PDF format*).