This is a possible template of the Research Project annex that forms part of the application package of the PhD program in Sciences & Technologies For Electronics & Telecommunication – Curriculum in Computer Vision, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning – offered by the University of Genoa and the Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia (Italian Institute of Technology).

Importantly, please note that the Research Project is used by the Selection Committee to assess the candidate’s attitude and capacity to carry out scientific research in the fields of computer vision, pattern recognition and machine learning and, in particular, in the research sub-fields identified by the selected theme.

However, please, note that the project is not binding though for the research developed during the duration of the PhD course. The candidate will have the opportunity to identify and investigate thoroughly the PhD project when submitting the thesis proposal (typically during the first year).

Please also note that the Selection Committee will evaluate the application in the context of the selected Research Theme. Therefore, we strongly recommend that the Research Project is pertinent to that Research Theme. The project should not exceed 10 pages.

The candidates are highly suggested to follow these guidelines for the organization and the contents of their Research Project. Please, you are kindly requested to submit original material, projects will be checked by an automatic tool to look for possible plagiarism.

**MOTIVATION AND RATIONALE**

Place the proposed research within the setting of the Research Theme(s) that you have selected. What is the problem addressed by your project? Why is it significant?

**STATE OF THE ART**

Describe the state of the art which is relevant for this research proposal: What results or techniques do you plan to exploit? Which methods need to be improved?

**OBJECTIVES**

Please clearly state the general objectives of your research.

**METHODOLOGY**

Discuss methods, lab techniques, major equipment, datasets, analytical and computational tools that will be necessary to pursue the research objectives. Also discuss whether the necessary techniques are compatible with your current background and specify whether you will need specific training.
TENTATIVE WORKPLAN

Please try to formulate a work plan of your research project. Identify intermediate goals and crucial milestones. Please, bear in mind that this PhD program has a typical duration of 3 years. You can get an extension, but in this case you or your supervisor will be responsible for your extra support.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Here you have to list the expected results likely achievable within the 3-years PhD program. Identify the results and skills that you plan to achieve and become familiar with. Explain why these will result in a substantial advancement of science and/or technology. Speculate about the possible benefits of your intended research for society in general. Who will likely benefit from your research, at least in perspective?

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Only list the bibliographic references that are strictly relevant for describing the research proposal. All references should correspond to a citation in the text.