

# PhD Thesis/Dissertation Template Supporting Notes 1

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## Tip Number 10 – Look Back Pragmatically

1. The PhD thesis/dissertation template provided in Word format is a sample only. It contains context-sensitive annotations to assist in preparation and can be used as a reference (or a point of departure) for the research candidate's own work as it pertains to his/her field of study.
2. The sequencing, layout and formatting of the thesis/dissertation needs to be based upon rules provided by the university in which the degree is undertaken.
3. The template provided is typical of what is required in many institutions but it IS NOT be used as a substitute for specific institutional requirements and field-specific advice from research supervisors.
4. The PhD thesis/dissertation template is particularly relevant to areas such as engineering, medicine and science. It can readily be adapted for areas such as business, economics and social sciences, and, with some consideration, to other humanities areas as well.
5. Research candidates may find it useful to read through the template to get an insight into the sort of issues that they will need to tackle in presenting a PhD thesis/dissertation.
6. In some countries, dissertations and theses have different meanings – with the term dissertation referring explicitly to PhD work. However, in the template, the word "thesis" is used to encompass the word "dissertation".