



IPC RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

2026

While section maximums total 6,250 words, the final proposal must not exceed the global limit of 6,000 words. Authors should distribute their word count based on the specific needs of their research design.

The proposal must not exceed 6,000 words (excluding tables, figures, and references). Applicants are encouraged to distribute content appropriately across sections, with particular emphasis on the scientific rationale and methodology.

The Full Proposal must build directly on the Concept Note submitted in Phase 1.

The core research idea and objectives should remain consistent.

The following sections present a word range guidance only and not mandatory.

1 PROJECT TITLE

Provide a clear, specific, and descriptive title (max 20 words).

2 PROJECT SUMMARY/ ABSTRACT (300-400 WORDS)

Summarize the research problem and/or questions, targeted Para sport(s), impairment group(s), classification context (development, validation, refinement), brief methods, and expected outcomes and impact on classification.

3 OBJECTIVES & RESEARCH QUESTIONS (UP TO 250 WORDS)

State one overall aim. Provide specific objectives (max 3-5). List clearly defined research questions and/or hypotheses aligned with the objectives.

4 SCIENTIFIC & PRACTICAL RATIONALE (800 TO 1200 WORDS)

Explain the current limitations in the classification system/s within the Para sport(s), why this is important for fairness, what evidence is missing, and how the project will contribute to improving classification decision-making and evidence.

5 METHODOLOGY (1500 TO 2500 WORDS)

5.1 STUDY DESIGN

Specify study type, structure, variables, and justify design.

5.2 PARTICIPANTS/SAMPLE

Define the sample inclusion and exclusion criteria, recruitment strategy, and representation.

Include sample size justification with a priori power analysis (effect size, alpha, power). If not feasible, justify.

5.3 DATA COLLECTION

Describe measures, locations, tools, procedures, and standardization. If possible, include relevant remarks about validity and reliability.

5.4 DATA ANALYSIS

Describe all the relevant statistical methods, link to hypotheses, handling of missing data, assumptions, and software.

5.5 FEASIBILITY

Access (participants/data pathways), Facilities (labs/equipment), Expertise (team experience).

5.6 WORK PACKAGES (UP TO 1000)

For each WP include:

- Title
- Objective
- Activities
- Methods (if applicable)
- Deliverables
- Timeline
- Lead/Responsible partner/team research member

6 EXPECTED OUTCOMES & IMPACT (UP TO 500 WORDS)

Describe scientific outputs, contribution to classification systems, and potential implementation in practice. This may also include its potential transference to other Para sports and/or eligible impairments.

7 OVERALL TIMELINE (UP TO 100 WORDS)

Provide phases (including WP), activities, and milestones in table format.

8 PROJECT TEAM AND COLLABORATIONS (UP TO 200 WORDS)

Describe team members' roles, expertise, and partner organisations, if applicable. Highlight access to participants and added value of collaborations.

9 ETHICS (UP TO 100 WORDS)

State ethical approval status and considerations. If pending, include timeline and process.

10 REFERENCE

Maximum of 20 references that are relevant for the project.

11 APPENDIX

All other information that might be relevant for the project