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- foreword and/or afterword/acknowledgments (max. 800 words)
- (possible) assignment
- (possible) quotation/motto
- table of contents
- summary in both Dutch and English; if the dissertation is written in English, a translation of the title and a summary of the contents into Dutch shall suffice
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- curriculum vitae in storytelling form
  - date and place of birth (optionally)
  - period during which the candidate followed their pre-university education or its equivalent and the relevant institution
  - (possible) extra qualifications
  - details of professional career
  - institute of PhD research
- propositions

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