

Expectations to the PhD process

Discussion Material for Newly Accepted PhD candidates and their Supervisors.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify areas where the PhD candidate's and the supervisor's expectations to the PhD process differ. The PhD candidate and the supervisor should complete the questionnaire separately and with the supervisor - PhD candidate relationship at focus. Afterwards the answers are compared and form the base for discussions about the differences and the similarities.

Instructions: Circle the answer that best fits with HOW YOU WANT IT TO BE. Answers 1 and 5 represent the extremes of the scale. Circle 3 if both alternatives are equally important.

Name of PhD candidate:	
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Name of supervisor:	
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General				
<i>The PhD is mainly seen as an</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Employment				Education
<i>The aim of a PhD is:</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
To write a thesis				To become a competent researcher
<i>State some other important goals with PhD education:</i>				

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The supervision					
<i>What is the preferred main form of supervision:</i>					
1	2	3	4	5	
Spontaneous talks			Booked appointments		
<i>What is the preferred frequency of supervision meetings (spontaneous and booked)</i>					
Daily	Weekly	Bi-weekly	Monthly	Every 6 months	
<i>Who should take the initiative for planning the supervisor/ PhD candidate discussions?</i>					
1	2	3	4	5	
Supervisor				PhD Candidate	
<i>How quickly is the supervisor expected to read manuscripts and respond?</i>					
1 day	2 days	3 days	1 week	2 weeks	1 month
<i>Who defines the deadlines?</i>					
1	2	3	4	5	
Supervisor				PhD Candidate	

Research					
<i>Who defines the original research?</i>					
1	2	3	4	5	
Supervisor				PhD Candidate	
<i>Who is the driving force in the research project?</i>					
1	2	3	4	5	
Supervisor				PhD Candidate	

<i>Who is responsible for solving scientific problems?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate
<i>Who solves practical problems (Equipment, analyses, logistics etc)?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate
<i>How is the research work supposed to be done?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Alone				Together with others
1	2	3	4	5
Following a strict schedule				Free from schedules and deadlines
<i>Will any ethical issues affect the planned research?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
No ethical issues				To a high extent

Thesis				
<i>Who decides the contents of the Thesis?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate
<i>Who decides the format of the Thesis (monograph vs. paper based)?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate

<i>Who decides the length of the Thesis (no. of chapters, no. of papers)?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate

Publications and property rights				
<i>Scientific papers should mainly be published</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Together with supervisor and colleagues				Solely by the PhD Candidate
<i>Who has the right to ownership of the results?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Employer	Supervisor			PhD Candidate

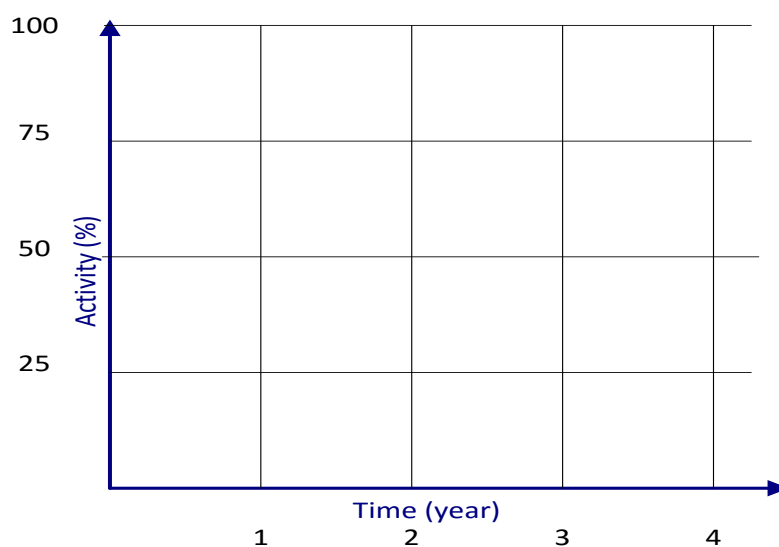
Financing				
<i>Who should control the funding covering running costs?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate

Courses				
<i>Who is responsible for the individual Study plan?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate
<i>Courses are to be selected:</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
In a narrow research area				Over a wide field of topics

Duty work (only applicable if four year contract is signed)				
<i>The PhD Candidate is to teach or perform duty work</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
As little as possible			As much as possible	
<i>The content of the teaching and duty work should be</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Strictly within one's research field			Over the full field of the department	

Working conditions				
<i>Working hours:</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Strict working hours			Free working hours	
1	2	3	4	5
No more than 37,5 hours a week			Much more than 37,5 hours a week	
<i>Vacation</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Primarily during July			Whenever it suits the PhD Candidate	
<i>Access to office facilities (computer, software, phone etc.)?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Provided by employer			Provided by PhD Candidate	

<i>Who should plan the PhD candidate's future career?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate
<i>Who is responsible for organizing a scientific stay abroad?</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD Candidate
<i>Taking part in common scientific work (seminars, meetings etc)</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				High Priority
<i>Social mingling with fellow PhD Candidates and other colleagues</i>				
1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				High Priority



Draw three curves in the diagram to state how the activity in the areas **Research**, **Courses** and **Duty work** will be distributed over the duration of the PhD period.