

ECTS rewarding research seminars

The Doctoral School wishes to establish an arrangement that makes it easier to conduct internal research seminars, where PhD students will have the opportunity to present their research and receive comments from internal and external participants. The seminars should be seen as a supplement to existing activities – not as a replacement for the evaluation that already takes place after 30 months in the course, for instance.

The purpose of this template is to provide guidelines for such a procedure. This is a temporary arrangement, which is expected to run until 2021, for the time being. This activity corresponds to 1 ECTS of the total educational activity in the PhD course (corresponding to 27.5 working hours for the student).

Format

In order for the Doctoral School to approve the activity as ECTS rewarding for the PhD student, it is required that the following formalities are in place. These are confirmed and approved by the program coordinator.

- There is a presentation of a finished manuscript. This can for instance be a working paper, an article, a conference contribution or something similar, which is expected to be included in the finished dissertation. A presentation of a research plan does *not* prompt ECTS points. If the contribution has previously been presented in a similar forum, it does not count either.
- There is an activity, where one or more assigned discussants spend time evaluating the contribution and give the PhD student comprehensive feedback.
- It is an activity that is carried out under the auspices of a research group or as a collaboration between several research groups.

The Doctoral School recommends that the departments treat this as other course activities. This means that hours are allocated to the activity according to the normal distribution:

<https://www.handbook.aau.dk/document/?contentId=348380>.

After the seminar, the following form is filled in by the PhD student. The research group leader then approves that the activity has taken place, after which this is sent for approval to the program coordinator so that the activity can prompt ECTS.

If the activity is approved by the program coordinator, the PhD student will receive a subsequent certificate.