

This document is presented with a few important modifications to the [original work](#) of Johan Bijmens at Lund University, Sweden.

Discussion Material for Newly Accepted PhD candidates and their Supervisors

The purpose of the form is to identify areas where the expectations on issues relevant for the PhD candidate and the supervisor on PhD studies may differ. The questionnaire shall be completed individually by both the PhD candidate and the supervisor. The PhD candidate and the supervisor arrange for a meeting where the answers in the forms are compared and discussed. This process may clarify different expectations with regards to the PhD education and may improve their collaboration.

All parties are encouraged to read the article "[Can we increase a mutual understanding between PhD students and their supervisors?](#)" by Aneta Wierzbicka, Yujing Li, Justyna Czemieli Berndtsson, Per-Olof Hedvall and Jenny Rissler (2014) before completing this form.

Name:.....

Instruction

Circle the answer that fits best 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.

General

The PhD is mainly seen as an:

1	2	3	4	5
Employment				Education

The aim of a PhD is:

1	2	3	4	5
to write a Thesis				to become a competent researcher

State some other important goals with PhD education:

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Publicizing/property rights etc.

Who has the right to the research results of the PhD candidate?

1	2	3	4	5
Instit./University		Supervisor		PhD candidate

Who has the right to publish the research results of the PhD?

1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor				PhD candidate

Publicizing of the PhD candidate material is supposed to be done:

1	2	3	4	5
Together with the supervisor and other colleagues				by the PhD candidate him/herself

Will the candidate publish the results as the sole author or together with the supervisor and/or other researchers? If so, who will decide the criteria for designating authorship:

1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor and other colleagues				PhD candidate

Ethical questions affect the research:

1	2	3	4	5
To a low extent				To a high extent

Financing

Who applies for means for running project costs (materials, analysis etc)?

1	2	3	4	5
Supervisor /project leader				PhD candidate

Extras

Taking part in the department/institution's common scientific work (seminars/meetings etc.) is:

1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				Important

Mingling with other PhD candidates and researchers at the department/institution is:

1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				Important

Taking part in the common social activities in the department/institution (coffee breaks, discussions, parties etc) is:

1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				Important

Participating in national or international conferences is:

1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				Indispensable