Mission

Our mission is to improve life, by providing an inspiring and innovative academic environment that enables our graduates to thrive in the dynamics of Life Sciences and society.

We offer a T-shaped educational model with thematic courses and community-building events in 14 thematic PhD programmes and general skills training in the PhD Course Centre.
Our 14 PhD programmes

1. Biomembranes
2. Cancer, Stem Cells & Developmental Biology
3. Cardiovascular Research
4. Clinical & Experimental Neuroscience
5. Clinical & Translational Oncology
6. Computational Life Sciences
7. Drug Innovation
8. Environmental Biology
9. Epidemiology
10. Infection & Immunity
11. Medical Imaging
12. Molecular Life Sciences
13. Regenerative Medicine
14. Toxicology & Environmental Health

Number of PhD candidates per programme

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Total in programmes: 1,501
Total nr of registered PhD candidates: 1,784
PhD Course Centre in numbers

# COURSES: 81
# PARTICIPANTS: 925
1,393 SUBSCRIBERS TO OUR BIWEEKLY COURSE UPDATE
WAITINGLIST 366

👍 97% OF THE PARTICIPANTS RECOMMEND OUR COURSES!

Highlights

• The Graduate School of Life Sciences adopts the new Strategy 2020-2022

• The first event for PhD supervisors is organised: ‘PhD matters: Best practices in PhD supervision’

• New courses in 2019
  My animal research: experimental design
  Being a scientist: Integrity in practice
  Statistics in the lab: in vivo et in vitro
  Supervising research of Master’s students

• The number of subscriptions to the biweekly Course Update reaches a new record of 1,393

• The waiting list for courses of the PhD Course Centre has 366 applicants

• Utrecht University Career Services is also available for PhD candidates

• Utrecht University launches a new online PhD registration tool: MyPhD

• Utrecht University appoints a dedicated psychologist for PhD candidates

• 23 PhD candidates from the Life Sciences participate in the pitch competition Breaking Science out of a total of 36 participants

• The PhD Council elects prof. Elsken van der Wall (UMC Utrecht) as Supervisor (promotor) of the Year and Henri van Werkhoven (UMC Utrecht) as co-supervisor (copromotor) of the Year 2019

• PhD education scores an ‘excellent’ during the SEP research evaluation of UMC Utrecht

• The PhD Council organises the annual PhD Day with this year’s theme: ‘Transparent Science’ with 175 participants

• The PhD Council organises a survey to which 593 PhD candidates respond
Courses organised by the PhD Course Centre

### Teaching
- Supervising Research of Master's students
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 11
- Supervision of Master's students
  - Participants: 3
  - Course: 36

### Responsible conduct of science
- Being a Scientist: Integrity Issues in Practice
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 17
- My Animal Research: Experimental Design
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 10
- This Thing Called Science
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 34

### Personal effectiveness
- A Happy and Healthy PhD
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 10
- Achieving your Goals and Performing more Successfully
  - Participants: 3
  - Course: 34
- Intercultural Communication
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 10
- Interpersonal Communication
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 10
- Mindfulness and Stress Reduction
  - Participants: 2
  - Course: 20
- Psychological Flexibility
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 12

### Communication
- Academic Writing in English
  - Participants: 2
  - Course: 25
- Adobe Indesign Essentials
  - Participants: 2
  - Course: 36
- Analytic Storytelling
  - Participants: 6
  - Course: 36
- Breaking Science
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 23
- Giving Effective Presentations
  - Participants: 10
  - Course: 40
- Infographics and Iconography
  - Participants: 2
  - Course: 40
- Science Communication: Relevant and Clear
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 8
- Scientific Artwork with Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
  - Participants: 3
  - Course: 60
- The Art of Presenting Science
  - Participants: 4
  - Course: 28
- The Art of Scientific Writing
  - Participants: 2
  - Course: 20
- Writing a Scientific Paper
  - Participants: 8
  - Course: 96
- Writing for Academic Publication
  - Participants: 5
  - Course: 45

### Professional development
- Biobusiness Summerschool
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 10
- Honest Networking
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 16
- Personal Development and Competences
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 17
- PhD Career Services: Improve your LinkedIn Profile
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 11
- PhD Career Services: Writing a CV and Cover Letter
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 14
- Selling your Science
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 13

### Leadership & Management
- Research Planning and Time Management
  - Participants: 4
  - Course: 40

### Research skills & knowledge
- Introductory Biostatistics for Researchers
  - Participants: 4
  - Course: 78
- Statistics for in the Lab: in vivo et in vitro
  - Participants: 1
  - Course: 24

Supervising PhD candidates at the GS-LS
- Participants: 4
  - Course: 41