

Midterm evaluation

Decided by Programme Committee 19.12.2019

Approximately halfway through the PhD studies, a midterm evaluation will take place. The candidate, the supervisory team, the head of programme, and at least two evaluators will be present. The midterm evaluation is organised as an open seminar.

The evaluators, one of whom must be external, will be appointed by the programme committee upon suggestion from the main supervisor. The candidate will send their written work so far to the evaluators, together with a short presentation of further plans. The total amount of pages sent to the evaluators should not exceed 50 pages. The written work should be sent to the evaluators no later than 14 days in advance of the midterm evaluation.

The evaluation starts with the candidate giving an oral presentation of their work, after which the evaluators will provide constructive and critical feedback on choice of methods, theories, and preliminary findings, and give advice on how the candidate may proceed. After the evaluators have given their comments, the audience is welcome to provide comments, suggestions or to ask questions.

The purpose of the midway evaluation is to assess the progress and the scientific quality of the work so far, and to provide ideas and advice for the continuation. The two evaluators write a summary of their assessment (max 2-3 pages). The main supervisor is responsible for sending this assessment to the candidate, the head of programme and the secretariat.

The programme committee is responsible for ensuring that the recommendations from the status report are followed by the candidate.

Note that the evaluators taking part in a midterm evaluation may not take part in the scientific committee evaluation the candidate's thesis.