

You are starting a PhD at the University of Liège? Get the keys to make a good start in research! At the end of this introductory training, you will have a clear idea of the steps and requirements of a PhD, the research environment at the University of Liège (structures, contact persons, training opportunities...), the mobility, funding and career opportunities... and have the opportunity to build a first network of peer.

**For Who?** Graduated students starting a PhD and PhD-candidates at a very early stage

**Practical information:**

- Date: September 21-23, 2021
- Place : XX-Août, salle des Professeurs, bât. A1
- Language : English

**Registration**

You can register via the online registration form:

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## Programme

### September 21<sup>st</sup>

9.00-9.15 – Welcome and coffee

9.15-9.45 – Introduction and Ice-breaker

9.45-10.45 – Start a PhD at ULiège: notice

How to start a PhD at the University of Liège? How is a PhD structured? Do I have to take courses? How many credits do I need to get? What is the doctoral training? Who are the resources persons and structures I can count on? This session will go through:

- The doctoral candidate and its environment
- Regulations
- Doctoral training: framework
- Your personal file in MyULiège
- Softskill training programme

***Thérèse Dupont, Soft Skills training, Research Administration***

10.45-11.00 - Coffee break

11.00-12.00 – Funding your research: context and opportunities

What are the Belgian and European research funding organisations? Why is it important to understand how do they operate? How do I put all the chance on my side? What are the perspective along my career? Where can I get up-to-date information on funding opportunities? A few of the questions that will be addressed in this workshop.

***Jérôme Eeckhout, Grant office, Research Administration***

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**12.00-12.30 – ReD: Meeting with the PhD-candidates network**

12.30-13.30 – Provided lunch

**13.30-15.00 – Presenting your research effectively**

Stage fright, the fear of a memory lapse, of the question that kills, of not being up to the task... often accompany public speeches. Scientific communication is no exception. What if you stopped suffering from your posture as a speaker? David Homburg gives you tricks to master the key elements of your presentation (body language, voice, all types of media, rhythm and structure, breaking effects and humour).

[David Homburg](#), *HEC assistant*

15.00-15.15 - Coffee break

**15.15-16.30 – To be a researcher in Europe (to be confirmed)**

What is expected of a PhD-Candidates? What are their rights and duties regarding the European Charter and Codes? To be a researcher in Europe today means developing an international profile in a high level research unit and in a very competitive environment. In this session, participants will learn about the principles of quality in academic research, and more specifically during the doctorate. Through examples and participative activities, participants will elaborate on good practices and will deepen their knowledge about all the researcher's aspects.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9.00-12.30 – Manage your thesis like a project**

Time and project management, personal efficiency, project, communication... This session give you tricks and tools to simplify your thesis.

[Thérèse Dupont](#), *Research Administration*

12.30-13.30 – Lunch (bring your own)

**13.30-15.15 – Find and produce scientific information**

The ULiège library network guides researchers from the literature search to the publication of results and the data. Its members are valuable resources regarding Open Access, copywriting, choosing an editor or a bibliography software, depositing your work on the institutional repository (Orbi)... Don't wait to go and meet them.

[Paul Thirion](#), *ULiège Library network*

15.15-15.30 – Coffee break

**15.30-16.30 – Communicating effectively with your professional environment**

This workshop aims to raise your awareness of how to communicate effectively with your supervisor in order to ensure a smooth and successful doctoral career. Tools will be proposed and the specific requirements of the University of Liège context will be discussed.

[Oriana Bertucci](#), *Research Administration*

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September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9.00-10.30 – Discover the richness of different cultures and the corporate culture of ULiège**

Values transmitted by your culture influence yours behaviors, your thoughts and your identity (relation to other, to nature, to time, etc.). Through discussions with other researchers, you will learn about your culture and the culture of others. The workshop will also approach some tips to help you integrate in this new environment and feel ULiégeois.

[Caroline Grisard](#), *Research Administration*

**10.30-11.30 – Ethics: how to develop good practices in research**

Using case studies, Catherine Thiry will sharpen your scientific integrity and explore tools and resources persons regarding ethics. Is this plagiarism? Is this misconduct? Data manipulation or unintentional mistake? The ethics committee and other safeguards won't have any secret for you afterward.

[Catherine Thiry](#), *Legal department*

**11.30-12.30 – Introduction to responsible management of research data**

Misuse of data undermines the quality of research: data dredging, selection bias, publication bias, non-replicability, and many others. Be the best researcher you can be by developing good habits right from the start! This workshop aims at making you aware of these pitfalls and at empowering you to avoid them with the right tools and attitude. At all stages of your research project, from data acquisition to sharing, you will learn about good practices for a responsible, open and honest management of research data.

[Judith Biernaux](#), *Research Administration*

12.30-13.30 - Lunch (bring your own)

**13.30-14.15 – Keys for mobility during a PhD**

Should you go or not? Cotutelle or short stays? What are the benefits of a mobility experience? When to start a mobility project? How to finance it?

[Brigitte Ernst](#), *Research Administration*

**14.30-16.30 – Round tables and discussions: Mobility and co-supervision, seizing the opportunities**

Doctoral students tell their mobility stories...