

Questions for Ph.D. students at follow-up meetings



Introduction

The purpose of this informal talk is to gain insight into what it is like being a Ph.D. student at our Centers of Excellence as well as at Danish universities and research institutions in general. We are especially interested in your experience with the terms and conditions of your studies. The questions below are examples of what we find interesting, and we will probably not touch on all of them. You are welcome to discuss the questions with each other before the meeting and to bring up anything else you would like to talk with the foundation about.

Teaching

Teaching obligations?

- **If any, how much time do you spend compared to time spent on your own research?**

Are the courses you teach relevant to your own research?

What kind of courses do you teach? (Lab courses, training courses, undergraduate or master-level courses)

Is the teaching experience beneficial for your CV?

Supervision

Is there good supervision at the center?

Have you had stays abroad?

- **If yes, was the stay beneficial for your own training and your future career?**

Are you satisfied with the supervision of your project?

Is there easy access to the supervisor?

Are there any formal courses in career guidance at the center or your institution?

Are there courses in teaching methods?

Are you satisfied with the range of courses at your institution?

Are the courses relevant to your project?

Regarding the center

Is there a feeling of being part of a center – a center identity?

Are you satisfied with the center?

Is there good integration of foreigners at the center and the institution?

Are there social events?

Internationalization

How many of you are from abroad?

Do foreign researchers create a dynamic atmosphere at the center?

The student

Why did you choose this center?

What are your future career plans?

At which university did you obtain your master's degree?

How often are you in contact with your supervisor?

How is the distribution between courses, teaching, own research, and other activities?

Have your expectations about your Ph.D. degree been fulfilled?

Do you see any advantages or disadvantages of taking a Ph.D. degree at a CoE compared to other places?