

Dual PhD Centre Leiden University

Combining a job with PhD research

Universiteit Leiden
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The Dual PhD Centre facilitates part-time PhD research for professionals:

The Dual PhD Centre offers a dual PhD programme that enables professionals to work and pursue their PhD at the same time. They devote some of their working hours to PhD research on a theme that relates to their profession. The Centre provides the intensive support and supervision that is needed to succeed.

The programme at the Dual PhD Centre is tailored to the candidate's needs: the Centre provides the optimum supervision, be it training, coaching or peer review. This enables the candidate to obtain the PhD within the same time as regular PhD candidates, even though they are likely to have fewer days a week available.

Advantages

A dual PhD programme has significant advantages not only for the candidate, but also for the employer and academic supervisor. The candidate is given a unique opportunity to develop. The employer gains access to the latest academic knowledge and can build upon an employee who will become a leading specialist in the field. The academic supervisor has an extremely motivated candidate who is likely to be addressing an unusual theme. Moreover, the extra support that the Centre offers also enables the supervisor to stay focused on his or her core tasks during the supervision process.

Three phases

The dual PhD programme consists of three phases. Candidates start in the orientation phase in which they (further) develop a research question and consult with the Centre on the practical conditions such as the time and funding of the PhD project.

Subsequently dual PhD candidates work to develop academic skills and to complete their research proposal in the first year. During this pre-PhD year, the candidates receive intensive coaching and are offered a special education programme tailored to their needs. The dual PhD candidates complete their PhD within an average of five years, including the pre-PhD year. Once the pre-PhD year is finished, the candidate will continue to receive the supervision that is needed to complete the PhD programme (the PhD phase).

The Dual PhD Centre works closely together with the graduate schools and professors of Leiden University. This allows the Centre to offer support to projects relating to virtually all major scientific disciplines. Sixty-five candidates currently successfully participate in our dual PhD programme.



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