

Doctoral plan

Date of aptitude colloquium: _____

Doctoral Candidate

Full name _____

Student number _____

E-Mail _____

Institute / Research group _____

Doctoral program (if applicable) _____

Start and expected end date of the doctorate

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Tentative title of the doctoral thesis

Doctoral Committee

Doctoral Thesis Supervisor
Title full name, Institute, E-Mail
_____Second Advisor
Title full name, Institute, E-Mail
_____External Committee Member
Title full name, Institution, E-Mail
_____Further Committee Member (if applicable)
Title full name, Institution, E-Mail
_____Further Committee Member (if applicable)
Title full name, Institution, E-Mail

Please note:

- Submit your doctoral plan as a PDF file by e-mail to your doctoral committee no later than 10 months after provisional admission to the doctorate. It is recommended to submit the doctoral plan after 6 months.
- In parallel to above, submit your doctoral plan as a PDF file by e-mail to to the D-BIOL doctoral administration no later than 10 months after provisional admission to the doctorate.
- The D-BIOL doctoral administration forwards the doctoral plan to the chair of the aptitude colloquium and the D-BIOL doctoral studies panel for notification. The D-BIOL doctoral administration initiates the approval process of the doctoral committee by the D-BIOL doctoral studies panel. **The doctoral committee must be approved by the D-BIOL doctoral studies panel before the aptitude colloquium. The aptitude colloquium must take place within 12 months after provisional admission to the doctorate.** The procedure for the approval of the doctoral committee after submission of the doctoral plan takes up to one month.

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- **Doctoral plans at D-BIOL** are a maximum of five pages long including the title page (content approximately 2000 words) and are structured as follows:

Title page:

- working title of the doctoral thesis
- name and contact information of the doctoral candidate
- institute where the doctoral thesis is being conducted
- name of the doctoral program (if one is being completed)
- names of all members of the doctoral committee
- start and planned end date of the doctorate
- planned date of the aptitude colloquium

Content:

- an introduction to the topic that is generally understandable for biologists
- research question (hypotheses) and aims of the doctoral thesis
- experimental approach/strategy
- results already achieved up to the submission of the doctoral plan (optional)
- schematic timetable
- expected publications
- indication of references, cited in the text
- timetable of extended doctoral studies (if one must be completed)
- teaching commitments and other obligations

- The **doctoral committee** is composed of at least:
 - the doctoral thesis supervisor
 - the second advisor (usually a professor, adjunct professor or Privatdozent of the D-BIOL)
 - an active professor from outside ETH Zurich or a person in a professorship equivalent position with expertise in the subject area.
 - The doctoral committee may be extended by other members.