

Doctoral Plan

Title (Tentative title of the doctoral thesis)

Doctoral Candidate

Name, Institute, Institution (if external doctoral thesis), Doctoral program (if applicable)

Doctoral Committee

Doctoral Thesis Supervisor
Title, Name, Institute

Second Advisor
Title, Name, Institute

External Committee Member
Title, Name, Institution

Further Committee Member (if applicable)
Title, Name, Institute or Institution

Further Committee Member (if applicable)
Title, Name, Institute or Institution

Start and planned end date of the doctorate

Planned date of the aptitude colloquium

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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 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 colloquiumContent:
 - 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.