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Temporal organisation of doctoral education or "when do we offer what"?

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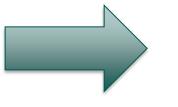
Doctoral Studies at RTU

- 500 doctoral students
- 16 doctoral study programmes
- duration of studies 4 years (288 ECTS)
- 225 ECTS research part
- 63 ECTS study courses

- 50% of RTU doctoral students are involved in university scientific projects as employees
- 25% works outside RTU and part of them carry research in collaboration with company

In a transition from PhD students to early-stage researchers

- To ensure better social protection, Latvia is moving to PhD student employment
 - Higher PhD student involvement in the research projects
 - Shorter time to degree
 - No place «to try»
 - Less part-time opportunities
 - Distinct choice of career



- Higher responsibility of
 institutions for students time
 - The programme should enhance the future career of PhD holder
 - The introductory course with coaching elements can support the decision

Essential things

The introduction course about PhD life and goals

Coaching approach at PhD programme composition

Support supervisor and student collaboration

Discussion

- When is too late to quit the PhD training?
- Responsibility for ethics insitution vs PhD student
- Do full-time studies fit all?