

Call for 'Meet the PhD Jury' activities

Meet the PhD jury! There are around 700 PhD defences per year at Ghent University. In many cases, international jury members with very solid reputations in their field are invited. The Doctoral Schools provide financial support for travel of up to two of these jury members on the condition that the research group inviting the jury member(s) uses this opportunity to organise a(n)(training) activity open also to PhD researchers from different research groups at Ghent University.

The proposed (training) activity

- is organised in such a way that it fosters active participation of a substantial number of researchers (in other words: not limited to 1 research group), but can take several formats: public lecture, master class, discussion seminar, hands-on training, etc.;
- preferably includes at least 90 minutes of (additional) individual contact(s) with the jury member(s) (e.g. 1-to-1 discussions, poster presentations, etc.);
- needs to be announced widely by the organiser (Ghent University agenda, faculty newsletter, etc.) and well in advance (preferably no later than three weeks prior to the event);
- can be organised on the occasion of the first ('internal defence') as well as the second part (public defence) of the doctoral exam.

Applicants can request financial support up to **€1.200**. The following funding rules apply:

- funding for up to two jury members per PhD defence;
- funding for only one activity by the same jury member per academic year;
- no reimbursement of costs of (co)supervisors;
- funding only for travel (economy class only; no accommodation costs).

Proposals should include

- the practical details of the seminar (title, (tentative) date, hour, location);
- a short description of the activity (format, target group, expected turnout, information on how the interaction with PhD researchers will be organised);
- a short CV and publication list of the jury member(s);
- the name of the PhD candidate

Proposals for a 'Meet the PhD Jury' activity should be sent by **e-mail to the Doctoral Schools Office** (doctoralschools@ugent.be), and will be reviewed by the Doctoral School directors. Proposals should be **submitted at least one month prior to the planned activity**. This is a strict deadline.

Further information? Please contact the Doctoral Schools Office (doctoralschools@ugent.be).