



## **INFOSESSION CONFIDENTIALITY**

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences











• **PART I**: Importance of Confidentiality

- **PART II:** Practical implimentation within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
  - masterstudents
  - PhD students
  - Bachelor students / trainees
  - others









## What is confidential information?

- Information which is not public and which has a particular value
- Details of scientific research, data arising from a research project with third parties
- Any information in UGent's possession that has the necessary quality of confidence about it









# Why confidentiality?

- The need to **protect** research results
  - → valorisation purposes (1)

- Commitment to third parties (2)
  - → contractual obligations of confidentiality









# Valorisation purposes (1)

- Main aim of academic research = publication of research results
- In case of an invention → do not publish/ do not tell anyone before patent filing
- Contact your IOF technology developer or TechTransfer when no IOF consortium

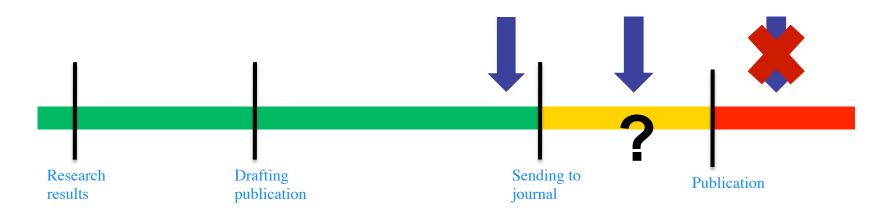






# Patent filing and publication

## Patent application











## Valorisation purposes (1)

- during period of confidentiality (green + yellow) → take the necessary measures
- towards researchers in the broadest sense / students
- acknowledgement of confidentiality + assignment of rights







# Valorisation purposes (1)

## After patent filing:

- Publication limited to the patent claims
- No additional thoughts, ideas or results → in this case: contact one again your IOF technology developer or TechTransfer when no IOF consortium









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# Commitment to third parties (2)

- contractual obligations of confidentiality towards research results → liability
- transfer of intellectual property rights to third party ->
   assignment of rights has to be possible (students, sub contractors!)
- respect publication clauses in contract











# **PART II:** Practical Application within the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering

- Master students
- PhD students
- Bachelor students / Trainee
- Others

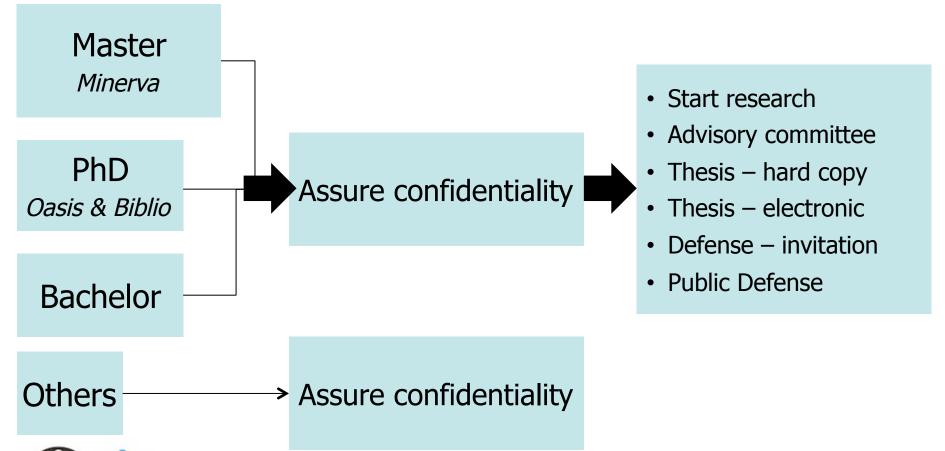








## Scheme





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## **General Guidelines**

Preferably no confidential research with master and bachelor students

Titles: short, without specific information, details

Role Promotor

Copy right
Publication of research results

Research results with IP potential

- => Register in time
- = best protection



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## **Procedure Master Student**



#### Start research:

Student signs the document for assignment of rights and confidentiality

#### **RESULT**

- research results belong to UGent
- student is bound to confidentiality



## Members of the advisory and reading committee:

Non UGent-members sign a confidentiality statement













# Hard copy thesis (co)promotor, jury, BIB

- Practical information to perform the literature study see website FBE
- Cover: Confidential, do not copy, distribute or publish (with possible date of release)
- Page following the cover: confidentiality clause (see website TechTransfer)
- Be careful with the electronic transfer e.g. copyshop/ printer

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BIB (faculty & central) archive until date of release





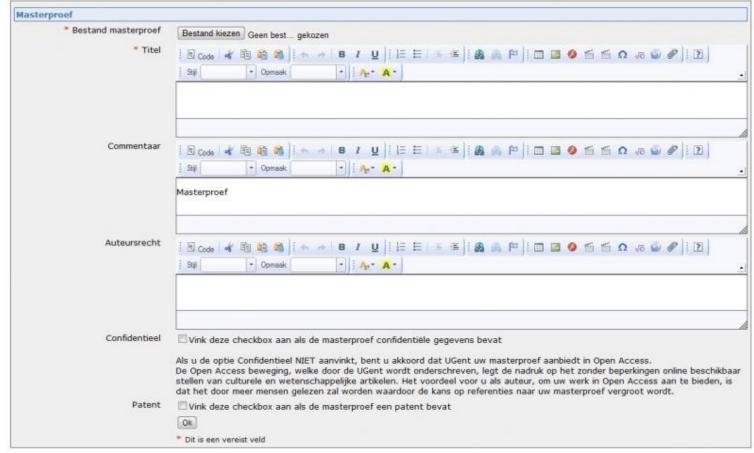




#### **Master Student**



## **Electronic Publication using MINERVA**













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### **Electronic Publication with MINERVA**

- Upload Thesis
- Check with Promotor
   Can overrule confidentiality and patent parameters
   Approval is necessary for publication
   No approval within 3 months reminder =>after 14 days
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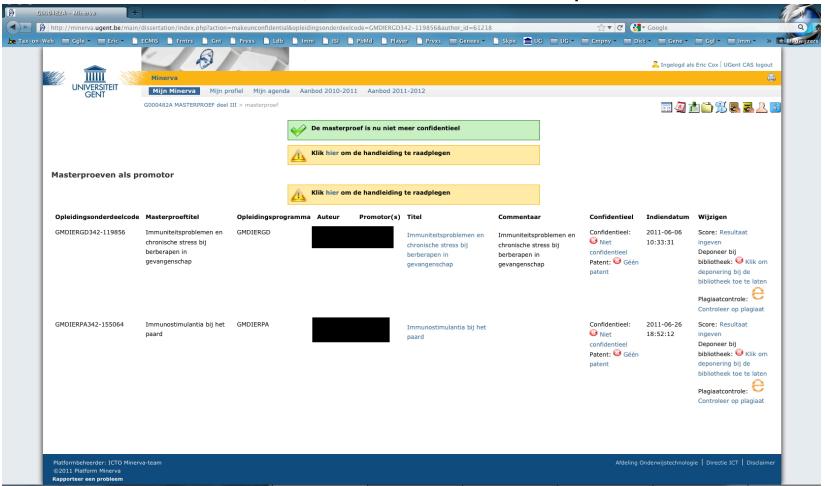






#### **Master Student**

#### Check promotor in Minerva













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### Thesis Defense

- No public invitation
- Possible behind closed doors
- Everybody present signs for confidentiality

#### OR

 Public with exception of the confidential part/chapter











## PhD Student



#### Sensibilization!

Often research with patentable results

#### PhD Student



Start research:

Student signs the document for assignment of rights and confidentiality



IWETO Database – Registration of new research

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# Members of the advisory-, examination- and reading committee



Non UGent-members sign the confidentiality statement

## Annual progress report for Doctoral Schools with OASIS

- No control of confidentiality or patentapplication!
- Promotor or supervisor has to warn the PhD student for possible risks
- Title content report => no details /research results
- Approval report by promotor is necessary for re-enrolement Report goes to all members of the examination committee



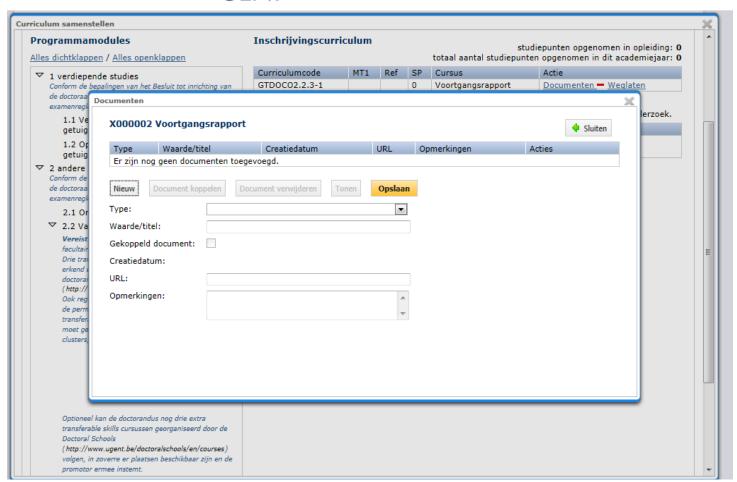








#### PhD Student















## Hard Copy thesis Examination committee, Jury, BIB

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   Reference of confidentiality on the cover
- Be careful with the electronic transfer e.g. copycentre
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## Electronic Publication using Biblio.Ugent.be



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- Uploading of thesis <u>with</u> CHECKBOX according to the degree of access (open-access, UGent intranet, restricted group)

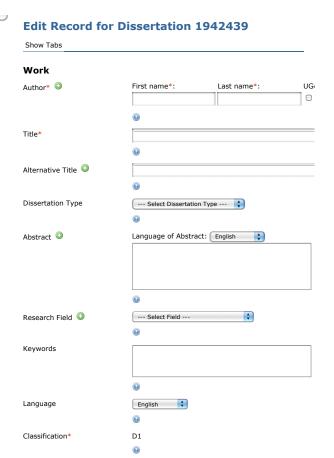








#### PhD Student



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# Bachelor students (non-UGent)



#### Student



Start research:

Student signs the document for assignment of rights and confidentiality – responsibility of promotor

Sometimes the <u>collaboration agreement</u> includes the confidentiality- and assignment of rights clause.











## Agreements to be made with the partner/Institution

- Promotor contacts the supervisor of the trainee :
  - Members of the examination committee and jury of the external institution have to sign a confidentiality statement Signed documents have to be send p.a. of UGent Promotor
  - No hard copy in the BIB of the external institution
  - > Jury returns the hard copy after evaluation
  - No electronic version on the institution's intranet and in open access
  - No public invitation for the defense

Written confirmation of these measures by the supervisor of the trainee (mail is OK)











## Thesis Defense

- No (pre)presentation with fellow students of the partner/institution
- Behind closed doors
- Everybody present signs the confidentiality statement









## **Others**

- Guest Professor
  - Mixed statute with e.g. 10% employement with UGent
     =>bound by confidentiality
  - Non UGent : mostly covered by research agreement
     IF NOT : signing of confidentiality (possible assignment of rights )
- Temporary/Visiting Researcher
  - mostly covered by research agreement
     IF NOT: signing of confidentiality and assignment of rights
- Visitor: signing of confidentiality







- 1 At start of research the student signs confidentiality and assignment of rights, non UGent members of the advisory committee sign a confidentiality statement
- 2 Non UGent members involved in a later stage of the research (examination committee, jury,...) sign a confidentiality statement
- ③ Use the tools of the MINERVA application
- 4 Take necessary measures when using the OASIS application
- ⑤ Take necessary actions before creating the hard copy, as well for the invitations and (public) defense.
- 6 Always consult your IOF-technology/business developer or Tech Transfer



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# Finally

- The role of the promotor or supervisor is extremely important
- Send all signed documents p.a. IOF-business developer, or Tech Transfer if you are not affiliated to an IOF consortium
- OASIS-Doctoral Schools: working on new tools and measures to cover confidentiality and patent applications.
- Hiding titles in Biblio.UGent.be

