

## Planning master's dissertations 2019-2020

### Procedure

The registration of master's dissertation subjects will be organised in a different way than last year.

As a reminder: topics are submitted for the assignment related to the course 'Academic Grant Writing' (referred to as 'PhD project') (2019-2020) and the resulting master's dissertation (2020-2021).

### Time schedule and deadlines

- Call for submission of topics to supervisors (supervisors are encouraged to pass this call to potential co-supervisors outside the Biology programme and outside Ghent University):  
**27 September**
- Students inform themselves with the research groups – **as of 1 October**

As a reminder: the timing for submission of subjects since 2017-2018 (ECB 6/2/17):

*The subjects of the past two academic years will be published and sent to the students of the 3<sup>rd</sup> bachelor year. These files can be used as a guideline to direct their choice, so that they will be able to inform themselves in a more targeted way with the supervisors at the start of the new academic year. This will provide students with sufficient time to consult with the supervisors. Supervisors will thereby get a better overview of the interest of students into the research subjects of their research group. Students will be able to express their motivation in a more detailed way, so that subjects of interest can already be assigned to the student at that time. The supervisors will consequently have more time to decide if additional subjects could and should be submitted (regarding the supervision in their research group) to students that didn't express their preferences yet.*

- Supervisors submit their subjects (specifying the student that chose the subject)  
– **deadline 24 November**
  - For the master's dissertations: one student per subject, where subjects should be specific enough to correspond to 1 dissertation.
- ECB approves the subjects – **27 November**
- ECB starts the reservation procedure for 1<sup>st</sup> master students that didn't get a subject assigned to yet – **16 December**
- Students that didn't get a subject yet, register their choice of subjects (with motivation) (1 subject per student)  
– **deadline 6 February**
- Supervisors assign the subjects to students that didn't get a subject assigned to yet  
– **deadline 9 February**

