

Planning Bachelor's dissertation Biology 2025-2026

Procedure

In order to inform students timely about the subjects for bachelor's dissertation that can be chosen, a list of subjects of the **past academic year** was published and sent to the students of the 2nd bachelor year in May 2025. These lists 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**.

The deadline for submission of subjects (supervisors) is **24 October**, subjects will be approved by the ECB at the end of October/start of November. Submission of subjects happens via [PLATO](#) (procedure will follow later).

Time schedule and deadlines

- **Call for submission** of topics to the supervisors (supervisors are encouraged to pass this call to potential co-supervisors outside the Biology programme and outside Ghent University): **1 October**
- **Students are asked to inform** (contact research groups and supervisors) about the subjects for bachelor's dissertation that can be chosen. 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. Students consult with supervisors **before 15 October**.
- **Supervisors submit their subjects by 24 October at the latest**
 - For bachelor's dissertation: clearly indicate how many students can work on one topic
 - If the subject is already assigned to a student, this should be mentioned in Plato
- **Approval** of subjects (ECB)– **4 November**
- **Communication** approved subjects to the students: all students register for a subject, even if the subject was already "assigned" to them (a motivation is not necessary in this case)– **12 November**
- **Choice of subject + motivation:** students register for 3 subjects and submit a motivation for each choice – deadline **23 November**. Guidelines on how to do this will appear on Ufora
- **Subjects are assigned** by the supervisor – deadline **27 November**. Supervisors whose subjects were chosen will be contacted
- Students whose first choices weren't assigned, are asked to make a new choice between the remaining subjects – deadline **4 December**. Supervisors involved will be asked to make new assignments

Planning Master's dissertations 2025-2026

Procedure

In order to inform students timely about the subjects for master's dissertation that can be chosen, a list of subjects of the **past academic year** was published and sent to the students of the 3rd bachelor year in May 2025. These lists 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**.

The deadline for submission of subjects (supervisors) is **24 November**, subjects will be approved by the ECB at the end of November/start of December. Submission of subjects happens via [PLATO](#) (procedure will follow later).

As a reminder: topics are submitted for the assignment related to the course 'Academic Grant Writing' (referred to as 'PhD project') (2025-2026) and the resulting Master's dissertation (2026-2027).

Time schedule and deadlines

- **Call for submission** of topics to the supervisors (supervisors are encouraged to pass this call to potential co-supervisors outside the Biology programme and outside Ghent University): **1 October**
- **Students are asked to inform** (contact research groups and supervisors) about a possible subject for master's dissertations. Supervisors will thus 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. Students consult with supervisors **before 15 November**.
- **Supervisors submit their subjects by 24 November at the latest**
 - For master's dissertations: only one student can get access to a topic
 - If the subject is already assigned to a student, this should be mentioned in Plato
- **Approval** of subjects by ECB – **2 December**
- **Communication** approved subjects to the 1st master students: all students register for a subject, even if the subject was already "assigned" to them (a motivation is not necessary in this case) – **12 December**
- **Choice of subject + motivation:** students register for 3 subjects and submit a motivation for each choice – deadline **4 February**. Guidelines on how to do this will appear on Ufora
- **Subjects are assigned** by the supervisor – deadline **8 February**. Supervisors whose subjects were chosen will be contacted
- Students whose first choices weren't assigned, are asked to make a new choice between the remaining subjects – deadline **15 February**. Supervisors involved will be asked to make new assignments