# Nikhef





#### PhD Council at Nikhef

- PhD students representation at Nikhef
- Up to date useful information on our website
- Please contact us or chat to one of us if you have ideas, questions, complaints or anything you'd like to say
  - o Ideas for social events welcome. We have a budget(!)
- You can contact us anonymously at: <a href="https://barm.nikhef.nl/phdcouncil/anonymous-feedback-form/">https://barm.nikhef.nl/phdcouncil/anonymous-feedback-form/</a>

Anonymous Feedback:





## **Composition of the PhD Council**

Chair



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## **Buddy system**

Help new PhD candidates get settled in at Nikhef



- ★ Link first-year PhDs with experienced PhDs
- ★ Get accustomed to PhD life at Nikhef, Dutch society, etc.
- ★ We recommend 6 to 12 months duration
- ★ Fill in the form if you are interested!

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# Guidelines for training and education activities of Nikhef

Reminder

For example:

before graduation the PhD candidate needs to participate in at least 6 Topical Lectures



https://www.nikhef.nl/phdcouncil/education/nikhef-guidelines/



#### **Junior Colloquium**

 Organised by a group of post-docs in collaboration with the PhD Council

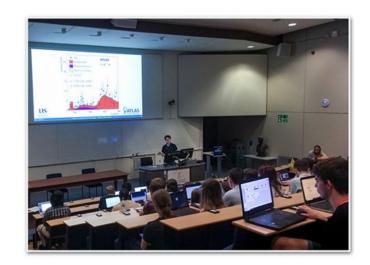
Opportunity for PhD candidates and young post-docs to practice

conference-style talks in front of peers

Learn about other PhD's research

 Next one is already in the starting phase of thinking about planning it will be announced soon-ish!

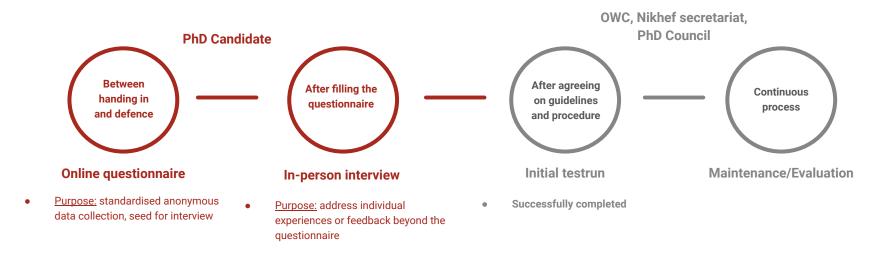
Sweets and coffee included!





#### Work in progress: PhD exit interviews

- Every PhD leaves Nikhef eventually with an individual view on the full journey
- Aim of the exit interview: discuss and potentially improve PhD experience at Nikhef
- Discussions with OWC and HR: agreed on testrun, then official announcement and start





#### We have more ideas:

- ★ compiled tips on travelling by train to CERN, Gran Sasso, Virgo...
- ★ guidelines for invited speakers at career events and TLs
- ★ workshop ideas:
  - mental health
  - diversity and inclusion
  - science communication
  - NOVA-SKIES programme introduction -> your input needed!

#### What would you like us to do?

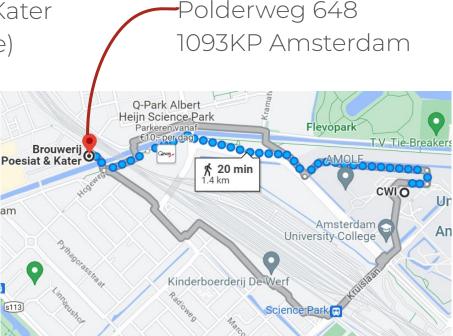
# Social event tomorrow (Tue)

+ After lecture: walking to Poesiat&Kater

+ 19h: Indian Buffet (Drinks exclusive)

Followed by: Board game night!





Poesiat & Kater



#### **NOVA-SKIES** programme introduction

**Quick survey** 

**SKIES** 

(Skilled, Innovative and Entrepreneurial Scientists)

→provides training on development of soft and hard skills, innovation and entrepreneurship, and creates career opportunities to early-career researchers (PhDs and PDs) in the field of astronomy in the Netherlands



Sounds interesting? Let us know!