



# PhD Council

Topical Lectures

QCD

Amsterdam, March 2025

# 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
  - Ideas for social events welcome. We have a budget(!)
- You can contact us *anonymously* at:  
<https://barm.nikhef.nl/phdcouncil/anonymous-feedback-form/>

**Anonymous  
Feedback:**



# Composition of the PhD Council

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# Guidelines for training and education activities of Nikhef

For example:

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

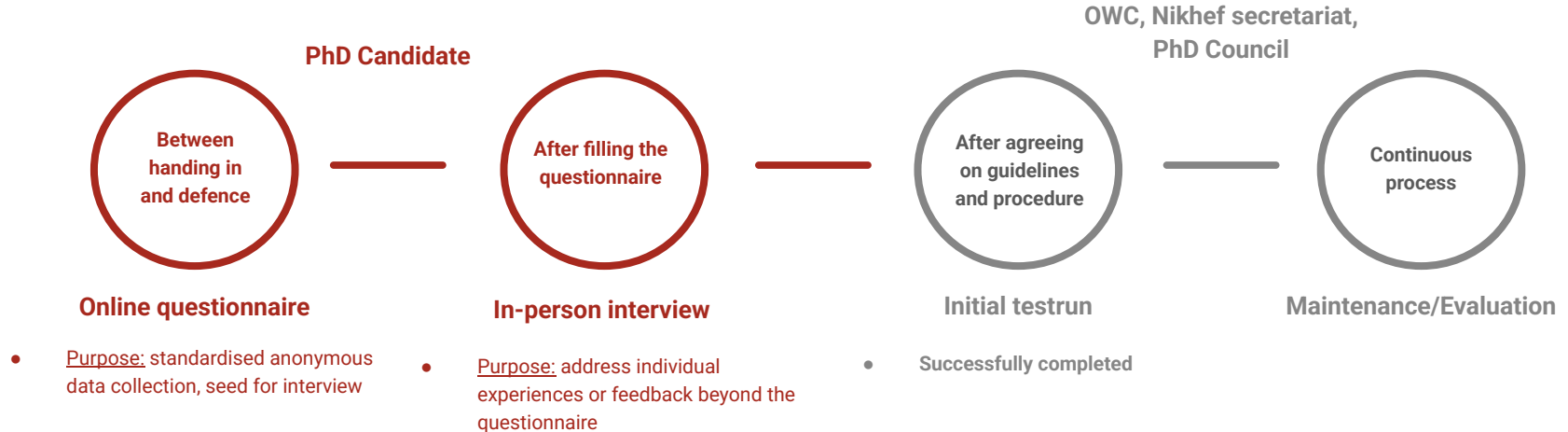
Reminder



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

# Running soon: 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



# Work in Progress: PhD Duration

Jamboree survey showed that Nikhef PhDs could be systematically lasting more than 4 years

- ★ Cases of people working without contract
- ★ Nikhef HR worked hard to gather data, shows that on average this is not the case
- ★ Still, outliers should be treated independently
- ★ Francisco Vázquez and Jordan Seneca are analysing and seeing compatibility of official data with Jamboree survey

## We have more ideas:

- Together with the PostDoc council:
  - Life after academia event
  - Parallel session in the next Nikhef Jamboree
  - Comedy-Show about expat life in the Netherlands
- compiled tips on travelling by train to CERN, Gran Sasso, Virgo...
- workshop ideas:
  - mental health
  - diversity and inclusion
  - science communication

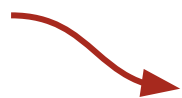
**What would you like us to do?**



# Your input to us!

- ★ How are you experiencing the C3 meetings?
- ★ Interested in C++ course by Wouter Verkerke?

Let us know!





# Social event tonight (Mon)

- + After lecture: cycle/train to Aloha
- + 19h: Start Bowling (1h)
- + Followed by: Burgers&Drinks!



Aloha

De Ruijterkade 151  
1011 AC Amsterdam

Leave at Nikhef at  
18:15 (ish)

18:28	Train station Amsterdam Science Park	Platform 2
	NS Sprinter	Towards Amsterdam Centraal
18:36	Train station Amsterdam Centraal	Platform 10b

