



Welcome to the 1st PhD and PostDoc Day!

June 25, 2026

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- Welcome from PD council
- Welcome from PhD council
 - Plan of the day

The Nikhef Postdoc Council: **Who We Are**

A group of Nikhef postdocs hoping to improve the postdoc experience! :)



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The Nikhef Postdoc Council: What We Do

Our mandate:



<https://pdcouncil.web.nikhef.nl/pd/>



- **Represent** the postdocs at Nikhef.
- Coordinate **training and career-development activities** aimed at the Nikhef postdoc community
- Organize **social activities** to increase the cohesion between the postdoc cohort.
- Interact with the Nikhef Education Committee to set up, implement, and monitor a **postdoc mentoring scheme** across Nikhef, and based on the received feedback suggest possible improvements.

The Nikhef Postdoc Council: Recent Activities

May 2025: Postdoc+PhD discussion (at Nikhef Jamboree)



Nov 2025: Panel discussion on funding

April 2025: “Life After Academia” event (with PhD council)



New members welcome!
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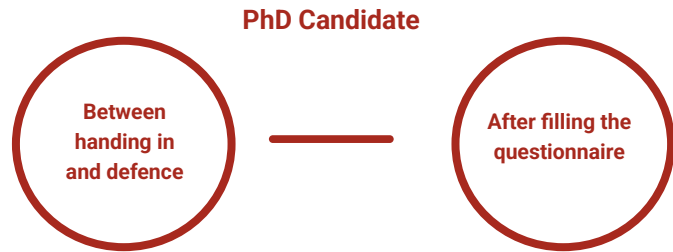
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Reminder: Exit interviews & new OSAF rules

- 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



• Purpose: standardised anonymous data collection, seed for interview

• Purpose: address individual experiences or feedback beyond the questionnaire

- OSAF PhD candidates should attend at least 6 Topical Lectures before they graduate
- **NEW!** In consultation with the C3 member, it may be possible to replace two TLs by alternative educational activities with comparable duration, scope, and level
 - Keep in mind, your C3 has to approve!

Please participate in these interviews!

Throwback: Social Event at TLs December & March



The Nikhef PhD Council: Upcoming changes

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The Nikhef PhD Council: Lots of space for new ideas!

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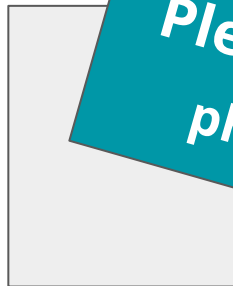
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Maybe you?



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Your bff

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Potentially also you



Definitely you



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1st PhD and PostDoc Day at Nikhef

10:15 AM → 11:15 AM Hands-On Sessions

- Option 1: **Lab tour** — KM3Net lab
- Option 2: **Lab tour** — R&D and ATLAS ITk labs and workshops
- Option 3: **Assembly hands-on workshop**
— how to assemble complex parts into full systems, led by Mechanical Technology experts (@N055)
- Option 4: **Design hands-on workshop**
— use a toy setup to learn mechanical engineering design principles, led by Mechanical Technology experts (@N055)
- Option 5: **Electronics hands-on workshop**
— how to optimize your electronics for signal quality, led by Electronics Technology experts (@Electron)

11:30 AM → 12:30 PM Talk + Discussion with Nikhef director Jorgen D'Hondt

Speaker: Jorgen D'Hondt (Nikhef)

@Colloquium Room

12:30 PM → 1:30 PM

Lunch

🕒 1h

📍 Colloquium

1:30 PM → 4:30 PM Supervision Workshop

There will be two workshops running in parallel. The PDF attached shows the participants on each group and the locations.

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@Positron/Electron Room

4:30 PM → 6:00 PM

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🕒 1h 30m

📍 Colloquium

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