

INFORM & CONNECT



Welcome to Leiden University!

As part of your onboarding programme we offer two complementary activities for all PhD candidates at Leiden University.

NOTE: This programme is mandatory for all PhD candidates who did not participate in a previous central introductory meeting (online or in the Academic building).

1. INFORM

To help you find your way quickly we have summarized the most important information in an **online module**. This overview includes information on Leiden University, services & facilities and conducting your research during successive phases of your PhD trajectory. Read this module right at the start and feel free to revisit this whenever suitable.



It is mandatory for all PhD candidates to go through the online module (5 credithours).

2. CONNECT

We want to encourage you to broaden your horizon during your PhD trajectory! A way to achieve this is by interaction with peers from other faculties. We organise four interdisciplinary **theme sessions** suitable during different stages of your PhD trajectory. Participate and connect!



It is mandatory for all PhD candidates to participate in at least one theme session throughout your PhD trajectory (5 credithours).



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OVERVIEW THEME SESSIONS



GETTING STARTED

GRIP ON THE PHD PROCESS

- First year PhD candidates
- More info and registration [here](#)

BE THE CHANGE

CREATING A POSITIVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH OPEN SCIENCE

- All PhD candidates
- More info and registration [here](#)



TAKING CHARGE

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

- PhD candidates with at least one year experience
- More info and registration [here](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

FIRST STEP TO THE NEXT MOVE IN YOUR CAREER

- Third- and fourth year PhD candidates
- More info will follow in 2025



GETTING STARTED

GRIP ON THE PHD PROCESS

Welcome to PhD life!

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

This session helps you to prepare for what lies ahead. We provide you with the information and tools needed to increase your sense of ownership and take an active role in shaping your PhD trajectory. You also have the opportunity to share experiences with fellow PhD candidates. By the end of the session, you will have a clear(er) idea of your learning goals and the next steps necessary to achieve them.



SESSION DETAILS

- Target group: First-year PhD candidates
- Group size: Max. 20 participants per session
- Duration: 3 hours

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

In case you are a PhD candidate employed at LUMc or a guest without a ULCN account, use [this link](#) to register for this session.

BE THE CHANGE

CREATING A POSITIVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH OPEN SCIENCE

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

Open Science is everywhere! What does it mean for you and how can you, as PhD candidate, contribute? During this interactive session we will discuss this umbrella term with peers from all faculties. The Acteursgenootschap will start the conversation with a theatre piece designed to shed light on challenging scenarios around research integrity and academic culture dilemmas. We will discuss experiences, possibilities and facilities available at Leiden University and envision small steps towards creating a positive working environment together.



SESSION DETAILS

- Target group: All PhD candidates
- Group size: Max. 100 participants per session
- Duration: 3 hours

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TAKING CHARGE

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

You are part of our academic community and may have experienced the complexity of communication and expectation management with your supervisors and other stakeholders. This session can help you to take ownership in your interactions and collaborations. We specifically take a look at the relation between behaviour in the workplace and the quality and progress of your work. By the end of the session, you will have a clear(er) idea of what lies within your circles of influence and control. We are excited to meet you!



SESSION DETAILS

- Target group: PhD candidates with at least one year experience
- Group size: Max. 20 participants per session
- Duration: 3 hours

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WHAT'S NEXT?

FIRST STEP TO THE NEXT
MOVE IN YOUR CAREER

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

A PhD trajectory finishes with a clear milestone, the defence of your thesis. Hora est! But, what's next? The majority of you will find a job outside academia. However, job orientation can be challenging and often starts too late. This session focuses on your competences and motivations in work, inspiring you with career possibilities. Together we think about what steps are needed for your next move.



SESSION DETAILS

- Target group: Third- and fourth year PhD candidates
- Group size: Max. 100 participants per session
- Duration: 3 hours

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION WILL FOLLOW IN 2025.