

Exit poll for doctoral students at KI

Thank you for taking part in this important survey!

Be assured that your identity is protected and your answers will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact karin.vagstrand@ki.se

More about evaluation of doctoral education: staff.ki.se/surveys-targeting-doctoral-education



General information

Which KI department do you belong to? (If more than one, choose the one you belonged to the longest time)

- Dept. of Biochemistry and Biophysics (MBB)
- Dept. of Bioscience and Nutrition (BioNut)
- Dept. of Cell and Molecular Biology (CMB)
- Dept. of Clinical Neuroscience (CNS)
- Dept. of Clinical Science and Education, SÖS
- Dept. of Clinical Sciences, Danderyd hospital
- Dept. of CLINTEC
- Dept. of Dental Medicine
- Dept. of Global Public Health (GPH)
- Dept. of Laboratory Medicine
- Dept. of LIME
- Dept. of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (MEB)
- Dept. of Medicine, Huddinge
- Dept. of Medicine, Solna
- Dept. of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology (MTC)
- Dept. of Molecular Medicine and Surgery (MMK)
- Dept. of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society (NVS)
- Dept. of Neuroscience
- Dept. of Oncology-Pathology
- Dept. of Physiology and Pharmacology (FyFa)
- Dept. of Women's and Children's Health (KBH)
- Institute of Environmental Medicine (IMM)

Have you performed your doctoral education full-time?

- Yes
 - No
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What did you combine your doctoral education with?

- Clinical work
- Work within industry
- Teaching
- Other work
- Studies
- Parental leave
- Other

Only visible to those answering "no" to the previous question

What do you plan to do after your PhD degree?

- Post doc at KI
- Post doc at another university in Sweden
- Post doc abroad
- Clinical work
- Job in the public sector (other than clinical work)
- Job in the private sector (other than clinical work)
- Other
- I don't know

Have you spent time outside Sweden as part of your doctoral education (do not count conferences)?

- Yes, in a research group at a university abroad
- Yes, I have taken course(s) abroad
- Yes, as part of a joint PhD programme between KI and a partner university
- No

Overall opinion on your doctoral education

Overall, I am satisfied with my doctoral education at KI.

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree

I would recommend KI to prospective doctoral students.

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree



Comments, if any, regarding overall opinion on your doctoral education: (In Swedish or in English)

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Outcomes for doctoral degree





For each of the outcomes for doctoral degree (examensmål), please indicate to what extent, in your opinion, the outcome has been achieved.

	to a very small degree	to quite a small degree	to quite a high degree	to a high degree
A. Knowledge and understanding A1. Broad knowledge and systematic understanding of the research field as well as deep and current specialist knowledge in a particular aspect of this field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A2. Familiarity with scientific methodology in general and with the methods of the specific field of research in particular	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Proficiency and ability B1. Capacity for scientific analysis and synthesis and the independent critical review and assessment of new and complex phenomena, issues and situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B2. Ability to identify and formulate research questions critically, independently, creatively and with scientific rigour (vetenskaplig noggrannhet), and to plan and conduct research and other advanced tasks using appropriate methods and within given time frames as well as to review and evaluate such work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B3. Ability to make a significant contribution to the development of knowledge through own research, demonstrated through the writing of a thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4. Ability to present and discuss research and research results, orally and in writing and with authority, both in national and international contexts and in dialogue with the scientific community and society in general	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





For each of the outcomes for doctoral degree (examensmål), please indicate to what extent, in your opinion, the outcome has been achieved.

	to a very small degree	to quite a small degree	to quite a high degree	to a high degree
B4. Ability to present and discuss research and research results, orally and in writing and with authority, both in national and international contexts and in dialogue with the scientific community and society in general	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B5. Ability to identify the need for further knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B6. Ability to contribute to the development of society and to support the learning of others in research, education and other advanced professional contexts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Judgement and approach C1. Intellectual independence and scientific integrity as well as an ability to make ethical judgements in research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C2. Deeper insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual in its application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why did you reply that not all degree outcomes were achieved? (If more than one answer below is correct, choose the most significant answer)

- I am not able to determine if I have achieved certain outcome(s) or not
- I did not know that all degree outcomes had to be achieved
- I wanted to finish my doctoral education even though I knew haven't achieved all outcomes
- Other people (for example the supervisor) insisted that I was ready for public defence
- I answered out of a general dissatisfaction with my doctoral education
- Other reason:

This question only visible to those answering "to a very small degree" or "to quite a small degree" to any of the objectives above

According to Swedish Higher Education Act, universities shall promote sustainable development. In your opinion, were issues related to sustainable development discussed during your doctoral studies? (e.g. UN Sustainable Development Goals, global health, climate change, how to act in environmentally sound manner in terms of e.g. travel and handling of chemicals)

to a very small degree

to quite a small degree

to quite a high degree

to a high degree

Supervision

I would recommend my principal supervisor to prospective doctoral students.

disagree

somewhat disagree

somewhat agree

agree

From whom have you in practice received the most supervision?

Principal supervisor

Co-supervisor

Someone else within the research group

Someone else outside the research group

I have received adequate supervision.

disagree

somewhat disagree

somewhat agree

agree

Has there been any follow-up of your individual study plan during your doctoral education ('årlig uppföljning')?

yes, and I am satisfied with the follow-up

yes, but I am not satisfied with the follow-up

no



To what extent have your supervisors:

	not at all / to a very small extent	to a small extent	to some extent	to a great extent / completely
displayed interest in your doctoral education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
discussed methodological issues with you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
discussed theory with you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
provided constructive criticism of your research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
discussed your plans for the future with you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gender of your principal supervisor

- female
- male
- I don't want to share this information

Comments, if any, regarding supervision: (in Swedish or in English)

Courses, programmes, research schools and teaching

Regarding general science courses: (General science courses (allmänvetenskapliga kurser): e.g. statistics, research ethics, scientific writing etc.)

How well do the following statements describe the courses?

	not at all	slightly	quite well	very well
The quality of the courses was consistently high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The courses were relevant to my thesis work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The courses offered fitted in with my wishes and needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Regarding project-specific courses: How well do the following statements describe the courses?

	not at all	slightly	quite well	very well
The quality of the courses was consistently high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The courses were relevant to my thesis work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The courses offered fitted in with my wishes and needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Within which programme(s) have you taken part in courses and/or other activities?

- Allergy, immunology and inflammation (AII)
- Biology of infections and global health or World health or Infection biology
- Cardiovascular research
- Cell biology and genetics
- Development and regeneration or Development biology and cellular signalling (DECS) or Regenerative medicine
- Environmental factors and health
- Epidemiology
- Health care sciences
- Metabolism and endocrinology
- Neuroscience or Hearing, otolaryngology, language and speech (HÖST)
- Public health science
- Tumor biology and oncology
- I have not participated in any programme

Have you taken part in courses and/or activities within a research school (forskarskola)?

- Yes
- No



Which research school?

- Forskarskola i vårdvetenskap (NFV, FiV, eller NFVO)
- Forskarskola för kliniker inom epidemiologi (KI/Region Stockholm)
- Forskarskola i allmänmedicin (KI/Region Stockholm)
- Forskarskola i molekylärmedicin för kliniker (KI/Region Stockholm)
- Forskarskola inom klinisk psykiatri (KI/Region Stockholm)
- Nationell forskarskola inom klinisk psykiatri
- Nationell forskarskola i klinisk cancerforskning (NatiOn)
- National clinical research school in chronic inflammatory diseases
- KI-SÖS kliniska forskarskola
- Graduate school in register-based research (SINGS)
- Other

These two questions only visible to those answering "yes" to the question above.

I would recommend this research school

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree

Have you taken part in any teacher training?

- Yes
- No

Estimate how much teaching you did during your entire doctoral education 0---100 % of full time

Comments, if any, regarding courses, programmes, research schools and teaching: (in Swedish or in English)

Information and administrative support





I received good introduction / information from the department when I started my doctoral education.

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree

I received adequate administrative support from the departmental administrators during my doctoral education.

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree
- I didn't need administrative support

I received adequate assistance from the departmental director of doctoral studies* during my doctoral education. *Institutionens studierektor för forskarutbildning

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree
- I didn't need assistance

Comments, if any, regarding information and administrative support: (in Swedish or in English)

Working environment

I enjoyed a good working environment within my research group.

- disagree
- somewhat disagree
- somewhat agree
- agree
- I don't know / I don't want to reply

During your doctoral education, have you noticed or experienced unequal treatment, discrimination, degrading behaviour and/or harassment: (not a mandatory question)

	no	yes, I have noticed	yes, I have experienced	yes, I have both noticed and experienced
due to gender?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
due to age?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
due to ethnicity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
due to sexual orientation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
due to transgender identity or expression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
due to religious or other beliefs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
due to disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, by whom? (not a mandatory question)

- by fellow PhD students
- by undergraduate students
- by member of teaching staff
- by supervisor(s)
- by administrative staff
- by other categories of people

If you experienced any of the above, did you contact anyone at KI regarding this? (If there has been more than one occasion you can tick more than on box; not a mandatory question.)

- Yes I did, and I received sufficient help
- Yes I did, but I did not receive sufficient help
- Yes I did. I received some help but not sufficient
- No, I did not

If no, why?

Comments, if any, regarding working environment: (in Swedish or in English)



Background information

Age

- 29 or younger
 - 30-34
 - 35-44
 - 45-54
 - 55 or older
 - I don't want to share this information
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Gender

- female
 - male
 - other
 - I don't want to share this information
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Nationality

- Sweden
 - Europe (other than Sweden)
 - Asia
 - Africa
 - North America
 - South America
 - Oceania
 - I don't want to share this information
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Educational background

- Medicine
 - Care sciences
 - Natural sciences (chemistry, biology, physics etc.)
 - Behavioural or Social sciences
 - Engineering
 - Other
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Where did you get your undergraduate education (bachelor degree or similar)?

- Sweden
 - Europe (other than Sweden)
 - Another country
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Have your parent(s) a university degree? (base your answer on the parent with the highest education)

- Yes, a PhD degree
- Yes, another University degree
- No
- I don't know / I don't want to share this information

Were you active in research at KI before formal admission to doctoral education? Please, do NOT include time in undergraduate or master courses.

- no
- yes, 1-6 months
- yes, 7-12 months
- yes, 13-18 months
- yes, 19-24 months
- yes, more than 24 months

Under which circumstances were you active in research before admission?

- Employed by KI ('FoU praktikant' or other employment)
- Employed outside KI (for example by a hospital)
- Student
- Undefined pre-PhD status (without employment)
- Other, please specify

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The COVID-19 pandemic

Was your doctoral education (research project, course work, learning activities, supervision) affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

- No
 - Yes, to a small, or very small, extent
 - Yes, to some extent
 - Yes, to a great extent
 - I don't know
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In what way? (Mark all relevant aspects)

- Reduced access to research subjects/specimens/animals
- Reduced access to infrastructure/core facilities
- New research and/or learning possibilities
- Reduced access to supervisor(s)
- Better access to supervisor(s)
- Reduced access to co-workers, research group and/or collaboration partners
- Better access to co-workers, research group and/or collaboration partners
- Better courses and/or seminars
- Reduced quality in courses and/or seminars
- More time for research project/courses/writing
- Less time for research project/courses/writing
- My physical health was affected
- My mental health was affected
- Other:

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What did you do to reduce negative effects of the pandemic on your doctoral education or wellbeing? (write in either Swedish or English)

Space for any additional comments: (in Swedish or in English)
