



# NEWSLETTER FOR ORGANISERS OF DOCTORAL COURSES

April 30, 2020

## Deviations from course syllabi due to covid-19

All course organisers that have been affected by the decision about distance teaching have reported to us if their course has been cancelled or (planned to be) given with deviations to the syllabus. Thank you for your efforts and for keeping us updated on this!

The next step is now to take a formal decision about the deviations that have been made, as required by the Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ). A template is available for this and you can find the instructions on the following web page:

<https://staff.ki.se/deviation-from-course-syllabus-due-to-covid-19>

## Distance teaching and learning and planning ahead

If you have scheduled courses during this autumn semester, please prepare yourself for a distance teaching and learning situation, since we don't know when we will be able to return to campus teaching.

The Teaching and Learning unit at KI (UoL) are presenting links on their web page to resources and strategies to be used for distance teaching and learning. In their calendar you can also find drop-in workshops for the use of Zoom in your course:

<https://staff.ki.se/teaching-and-learning>

Another tip for learning about and sharing experiences from distance teaching: On Facebook there is a group named *Digital omställning i högre utbildning NU* for this purpose. Most of the discussions concern the use of Zoom (Swedish is the main language):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/135905507861742/>

## Give your input regarding online teaching

Are you planning a course for the autumn of 2020 or spring 2021? If you have ideas about what you would need in order to be able to give your course online, please send us an email to [doctoralcourses@ki.se](mailto:doctoralcourses@ki.se) **no later than 13 May**. Your input will be used as a basis for discussion about possible measures to be taken for e.g. competence development.

## Course evaluations during 2019

The Evaluation Unit at LIME has now completed a report regarding the evaluations of doctoral courses carried out during 2019. In total 235 courses were evaluated during last year and the response rate is nearly 77 %. Our doctoral courses are on average very highly rated. To the question "Would you recommend this course to others enrolled in doctoral education?" 95 % of the doctoral students have responded positively.

The report can be found on the following page (under *Documents*):

<https://staff.ki.se/course-evaluation-and-analysis-of-doctoral-courses>



## Wanted: Instructor of science writing at KIB

Karolinska Institutet University Library seeks applicants for the position of instructor of science writing for the doctoral course Writing Science and Information Literacy (WSIL). Read more and send your expression of interest no later than 31 May 2020:

<https://kib.ki.se/en/whatsup/news/wanted-instructor-science-writing-doctoral-course-writing-science-and-information>

## Reminder: Arranging workshops or seminars related to the learning outcomes of doctoral education

As previously announced, during 2020 the Course and Programme Committee welcomes applications for funding regarding learning activities. Learning activities can be arranged as workshops or seminars and need be on a useful theme for many doctoral students and postdocs, that isn't covered by our regular doctoral courses or programme activities. The purpose of the activities should be related to [the learning outcomes of doctoral education](#), especially the ones that concern research integrity and interaction with society (number 6, 8, 9 and 10). It could for example be on a theme related to philosophy of science and medicine, ethics, artificial intelligence or visualisation techniques.

There is no specific deadline, just submit your application well in advance to the planned activity.

Please use the [application form for arranging doctoral education](#) activities and submit it together with a budget showing the estimated costs you apply for. Our budget available for this kind of activities during 2020 is limited and an indication of the amounts granted is up to 5 000-10 000 SEK for a half-day activity.

## Deadlines for the spring 2021 course catalogue

The deadlines for courses that are going to be advertised in the course catalogue for the spring semester of 2021 will be:

- Submission of new or revised syllabi via KIWAS: **2 September**
- Entering a course occasion in KIWAS: **16 September**

The course catalogue will be open for application during the period **15 October – 16 November**

Kind regards,

The [Course and Programme Committee](#) through Anna Gustafsson, Administrative Officer.

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