Doctoral Student Barometer 2016

The barometer consists of two parts. The questions in Part 1 address how your doctoral studies have progressed. After the survey has been completed, you can print Part II as a progress report to use as a basis for discussions with the supervisor in Part I. AMU asks you to fill in an assessment of your current experiences of your doctoral education.

You choose yourself which fields you fill in. The AMU quality management gathers all the results. Your supervisor or subject will not get access to your submitted answers. All is interpreted in your views and prepared for development, as well as general trends among the answers. A report will be prepared comparing statistical facts, incl. comments, on faculty level. Comments will be generalized so that the respondent cannot be recognized.

It takes 15 minutes to fill this survey, longer if you choose to fill in the progress report. Deadline is 31st January 2017.

PART I Progression report

After you have submitted the survey, the system will give you the possibility to download the progress report. AMU encourages you to submit it to your supervisor if you have not been asked to report on the progress of your studies in another way.

Information on the Respondent (1/9)

1.1 Name: 

1.2 Gender: 
- Female 
- Male

1.3 Age: 
- Choose •

1.4 Scientific basis for admission to doctoral studies (several alternatives possible)
- Master’s degree at Abo Akademi University
- Master’s degree at another Finnish university
- Master’s degree at a university outside Finland
- Master’s degree at a university of applied sciences
- Other education or experience assessed to be equivalent to a Master’s degree

1.5 Year of admission to AMU doctoral studies: 
- Choose •

1.6 Faculty: 
- Choose •

1.7 Major subject: 
- Choose •

1.8 Main Supervisor: 

1.9 Assistant Supervisor: 

PART I Progression report

2.1 Workload of your doctoral thesis

2.2 Are you working on an article thesis (bundle thesis) or on a monograph?
- Alternatives: Article thesis (Bundle thesis) • Monograph • Final doctoral thesis

2.3 My choice for carrying out the studies (according to the Supervision and Study Agreement)
- Alternatives: Full-time studies • Part-time studies

2.4 Estimate the percentage of normal working hours (40 hours) that has been used for your doctoral studies and thesis work in 2016? (Percentage)
- Alternatives: Under 10 % • 10-19 % • 20-29 % • 30-39 % • 40-49 % • 50-59 % • 60-69 % • 70-79 % • 80-89 % • 90-99 % • 100 % • Cannot be answered

2.5 How have you funded your doctoral studies in 2016 (several alternatives possible)
- Student allowance • Scholarship • Doctoral assistant at a university • Other employment than a doctoral position at a university • Employment outside the university sector • No funding • Other

2.5.2 If you answered Other, please specify:

2.6 Have you worked on your doctoral thesis in 2016? (Number of months with funding)
- Alternatives: 1 month • 2 months • 3 months • 4 months • 5 months • 6 months • 7 months • 8 months • 9 months • 10 months • 11 months • 12 months • Cannot be answered

2.7 How have your funding been distributed in 2016?
- Student allowance • Scholarship • Doctoral assistant at the university • Other employment than a doctoral position at the university • Employment outside the university sector • No funding • Other

2.8 Total amount of completed postgraduate credits

2.9 Estimated year for submitting your doctoral thesis. When do you plan to have the thesis ready (year)?
- 2016 • 2017 • 2018 • 2019 • 2020 or later

2.10 Have your doctoral studies progressed as planned?
- Yes • No

2.10.1 Why have your studies progressed as planned? (specify the reasons)
- Alternatives: •

2.11 Describe the current situation of your doctoral studies (max. 2000 characters, the system will inform you when the limit is reached): 

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2.13. What are your goals for next year (max. 1000 characters)? (The system will inform you when the limit is reached.)

2.14. What are your wishes regarding the support and supervision for next year (max. 1000 characters)? (The system will inform you when the limit is reached.)

PART II Survey/Supervision (3/5)

The form meeting between the supervisor and the doctoral student is to be understood as a dialogue into the doctoral student's current activities and the progress of the thesis. You can also talk about questions concerning the doctoral student's situation and development, training in responsible skills, possible changes in the work environment, etc. The student and the supervisor should meet face-to-face or via Skype or telephone in order to exchange views and ideas. This is not a formal meeting.

5.1. According to the Supervision and Study Agreement, the full-time student has the right to 4.5 supervision hours per week. How many supervision hours do you think you are due per week (in 2018)?

- More than 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- 0

5.2. Is the amount of supervision you receive sufficient?

- Yes
- No
- Cannot form an opinion

5.3. From whom have you received the most supervision?

- Main supervisor
- Assistant supervisor
- Other

5.4. Do you feel satisfied with your supervisor? (1 = very poor, 5 = very good)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

5.5. Do you feel that there are areas that should be discussed more in the supervision?

5.6. Comments on the supervision

PART II Survey/Supervision (4/5)

The everyday life of a doctoral student at AAU

5.1. How would you describe your daily work as a doctoral student?

- I generally work alone
- I am part of a research group, but mainly work alone
- I am part of a research group which works and reports together

5.2. Are you satisfied with the way you are working (as stated above)?

- Yes
- No
- Cannot form an opinion

5.3. If you were asked to, why are you not satisfied?

5.4. How would you rate the information you have received during your doctoral studies when it comes to (1 = very poor, 5 = very good, I can't form an opinion)?

- The structure of the doctoral studies
- The subject's expectations of you as a doctoral student
- Questions concerning research integrity
- Possibilities for funding
- Possibilities to participate in conferences, summer schools and student exchange
- Your rights and obligations as a doctoral student
- The labour market
- Where you can get help with questions concerning your doctoral studies
- Where you can get help with conflicts and other problems as a doctoral student

5.5. Have you experienced problems with your work situation?

- Yes
- No
- Cannot form an opinion

5.6. If you have experienced problems, what kind of problems have you had?

5.7. Do you have any departmental duties in addition to your doctoral studies at the subject/department?

- Yes
- No
- Cannot form an opinion

This answering form should not be considered as a claim for filing a complaint in a specific case. The result of the survey consists of hundreds of answers and not capacity, and is mainly intended to find respondent patterns. If you want that your specific problem should be addressed by the university, please contact the Head of the Research Services (Rüdiger Dale).
### PART II Survey: The everyday life as a doctoral student at AAU, additional questions

#### 4.5.1. What tasks are related to your doctoral studies, what other work tasks do you do?
- Other tasks related to research
- Teaching
- Administrative tasks
- Other

#### 4.5.2. Give examples on additional tasks:

#### 4.5.3. On average, how many hours do the above-mentioned tasks take per week?

### PART II Survey: Research Integrity

#### 5.1. In what way has questions concerning research ethics been addressed in your doctoral studies at AAU?

#### 5.2. Do you feel that there are questions concerning research integrity that the University should address more thoroughly?

### PART II Survey: Future and General View (My)

#### 6.1. Would you, with the experience you have today, have chosen to begin doctoral studies?
- Yes, the same choice as now
- Yes, but another subject at AAU
- Yes, the same subject but another University
- Yes, but another subject and another University
- No
- I cannot form an opinion

#### 6.2. General comments on the doctoral studies at AAU:

#### 6.3. Comments on the layout and suggestions for developing the survey:

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**Check the box for part data:**

**Progress: report 0/26**

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