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# Instructions for the quality assurance process of the doctoral education at SLU 2025

## Quality assurance process 2025

The proposal is that the process for quality assurance of SLU's doctoral education during 2025 should be carried out with focus of following up on measures already decided. A template for the report will be provided by the Division of Planning.

In 2025-2026, the quality assurance process for education at doctoral level will focus on reflection and follow-up of already decided measures – both at university and faculty levels. The intention with these years’ quality assurance process is therefore for the responsible parties to implement/finalize already decided development measures/activities, compile and analyse the effects of the activities and assess which measures have been completed.

The faculties must submit a report as a basis for quality dialogues between the university management, education managers at the faculty and representatives of supervisors and doctoral students, which will also be implemented in 2025. Doctoral student councils will make comments on the faculties reports.

During 2027 the plan is to synchronise the quality assurance process for doctoral education with that of research and environmental monitoring – thus including relevant parts of doctoral education in the planned external evaluation of research and environmental monitoring in 2027.

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| **Time table – quality assurance process for doctoral education** | |
| **2025** | Follow up – dialogue and reports |
| **2026** | Follow up – dialogue and reports |
| **2027** | Full evaluation of all 6 quality areas – synchronisation with KoN: an external evaluation of research and environmental monitoring. |

## Important dates 2025

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| **When** | **What** |
| 15 September | Fun submit their reports to Fur-sekr@slu.se |
| One week before each quality dialogue (at the latest) | The doctoral student councils sends in their comments to Fur-sekr@slu.se |
| September- October | Quality assurance dialogues (no dates available yet) |
| Mid December | At the Fur meeting, a report is presented and approved that summarizes the dialogues and the chairman's proposals on which issues should be prioritized going forward. |

## Documents to be submitted 2025

1. *Fun report*

The report should describe activities within the doctoral program to address issues identified via the quality assurance process and analyse / evaluate the effect of the activities and describe the faculty's continued quality work related to the described issues. A template for the report will be provided by the Division of Planning.

1. *Doctoral student council comments*

Respective doctoral councils (coordinated by SLUSS-DN) comment’s on the faculty report.

**For each dialogue, there are at least the following documents about the current education:**

1. Report from the faculty

2. Doctoral council comments

3. Compilation of statistics (key figures)

4. The most recent PhD Student Satisfaction Survey

5. The most recent staff survey

5. Recommendations from UKÄ's review

The reports from Fun and comments from the doctoral student council will be the main documents for each quality dialogue.