

Seminar 5:

Design your doctoral career



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Seminars and schedule 2 cr

WHAT?	WHEN?	TOPICS / ADDITIONAL
Seminar 1: Kick-off	12 January, at 9-11 AS6	Introduction of the course, announcement of the assignments and forming groups Researcher's path – Introduction to practical tips
Aalto Orientation Days for Doctoral Students	15-16 January	Highly recommended to participate Late enrollment to udes@aalto.fi
Seminar 2	19 January, at 9-11 AS6	Researcher's path – introduction continues Communications
Assignment DL	31 January	Practical tips assignment (individual)
Seminar 3	2 February, at 9-11 AS6	Researcher's path – what were the learning outcomes? Research ethics – introduction
Assignment DL	14 February	Ethics (group work)
Seminar 4	16 February, at 9-11 AS6	Research ethics – what were the learning outcomes? Publishing
Assignment DL	28 February	Career assignment (CV + career plan)
Seminar 5	1 March, at 9-11 TU7	Career design and job search workshop
Assignment DL	4 March	Writing assignment (group work)
Feedback sessions for groups (Language instructor William Martin)	12 March	20 min session/group on writing assignment
Seminar 6	15 March, at 9-11 TU7	Panel discussion and tips from graduated doctors
Assignment DL	17 April	Final assignment, diary-type Reflect on your learning on the seminar topics, the Orientation Days and the assignments of the course.

Programme of today

- **9.15-10 How to design a meaningful career?**
- **Break 10 min**
- **10.10-10.50 Importance of networking and how to draw-up an impressive CV**
- **10.50-11 Upcoming assignments**

Break 10 min, back at 10.10

Upcoming assignments

Assignment 4: Writing group work

- Remember to include the Author's contribution
- Submission DL 4 March
- Group feedback the 12th of March from William Martin. Please enroll your group to a feedback session:
<https://mycourses.aalto.fi/mod/choice/view.php?id=1123776> (dl Thu 7.3)
- Feedback sessions in meeting room 1592, Maarintie 8
- If something feels unclear, please contact William Martin (william.martin1970@gmail.com)

Final assignment options, 4-5 pages, DL 17.4

1. Diary + final reflection
2. Continuous reflection of the course topics

Remember to write notes/diary about every seminar/event for yourself.

In addition, to get 3 cr

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Assignment DL (3 cr course)	13 March	Pop-science pitch (individual writing)
Assignment DL (3 cr course)	20 March	Journal paper extended abstract (individual writing)
Assignment DL (3 cr course)	27 March	General research skills (individual)
Feedback sessions for the individual writing assignments (for 3 cr course)	9 April	30 min / student on individual writing assignments
Peer feedback DL (3 cr course)	10 April	Peer feedback on general research skills assignments

Additional assignments for 3 cr

- **Individual writing assignments**
 - Pop-science pitch
 - Journal-paper extended abstract
- **If something feels unclear, please contact William Martin (william.martin1970@gmail.com)**
 - Feedback from William Martin 9.4.2024
- **General research skills essay**
 - Pick a book that interests you
 - Peer evaluation/feedback

Pop-science pitch – individual (3cr)

- A stand-alone document that displays the writer's competence
- Important to hold the interest/attention of readers
- 1 page, dl 13.3
- Choose either:
 1. Targeted towards a wider general audience (e.g. LinkedIn article)
 2. Aimed at a named person(e.g. editor)/institution/media

Journal paper extended abstract (3cr)

- **This assignment prepares you to produce hard-hitting summaries of scientific content**
- **More details can be communicated in this extended abstract**
- **Use a professional academic tone and appropriate terminology**
- **Max 2 pages, dl 20.3.**

Individual feedback sessions on 9.4 (3cr)

How long: 30 min (15+15)

Where: Seminar room 1592, Maarintie 8

Book a time for yourself:

<https://mycourses.aalto.fi/mod/choice/view.php?id=1123777>

General research skills (3cr)

- **Choose one topic:**
 1. Research ethics
 2. Mastering your PhD
 3. Some other book relevant for a doctoral student
 4. Gather other relevant information (internet)
 5. Suggest something else useful for your learning
- **In 3-5, agree with the course staff.**
- **A 2-page long essay on the text that you have read**
- **DI. 27.3**
- **Feedback deadline 10.4**

Remember also:

- To make notes after every seminar for the final assignment

Info sessions for doctoral students:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/doctoral-education/info-session-series-for-doctoral-students>

See you in Seminar 6!



Questions to the panelists

What would you like to ask the panelists in the next seminar? Add your questions beforehand to: <https://presemo.aalto.fi/questions23>