

# 2025-2026 Webinar series: Onboarding doctoral candidates



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## 1. Introduction: The goals and elements of onboarding

28 October 2025, 14:00 - 15:30 CET, on Teams

Speakers:

- **Monika Tasa**, University of Tartu, Estonia
- **Lukáš Nachtigal**, Charles University, Czech Republic
- **Chiara Ceriotti**, University of Vienna, Austria

## 2. Starting strong: Welcoming doctoral candidates to university life

18 November 2025, 14:00 - 15:30 CET, on Teams

Speakers:

- **Thérèse Dupont**, University of Liege, Belgium
- **Anne Bégué**, University of Luxemburg, Luxemburg
- **Bettina Schieraus**, University of Vienna, Austria

## 3. A clear path: Structuring onboarding information for doctoral candidates

17 February 2026, 14:00 - 15:30 CET, on Teams

Speakers:

- **Mili Markvartová**, UCT Prague, Czech Republic
- **Jasper Schelstraete**, University of Ghent, Belgium
- **Minna Söderqvist**, Aalto University, Finland

## 4. Mapping the doctoral journey: From plans to progress

31 March 2026, 14:00 - 15:30 CET, on Teams

Speakers:

- **Hanna Brinkmann**, University of Music and Performing Art, Vienna, Austria
- **Markéta Burešová**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- **Elise Pinta**, University of Turku, Finland

## 5. Developing competences: Training and career support for doctoral candidates

28 April 2026, 14:00 - 15:30 CET, on Teams

Speakers:

- **Anna Solé Amat**, Center for Genomic Regulation CRG, Barcellona, Spain
- **Verity Elston**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Jana Křemenáková**, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic

## 6. The supervisor's role in the onboarding of doctoral candidates

22 September 2026, 14:00 - 15:30 CET, on Teams

Speakers:

- **Ana Freitas**, University of Porto, Portugal
- **Helke Hillebrand**, Heidelberg University, Germany  
& **Claudine Leysinger**, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- **Fredrik Hjärthag**, Karlstad University, Germany

