

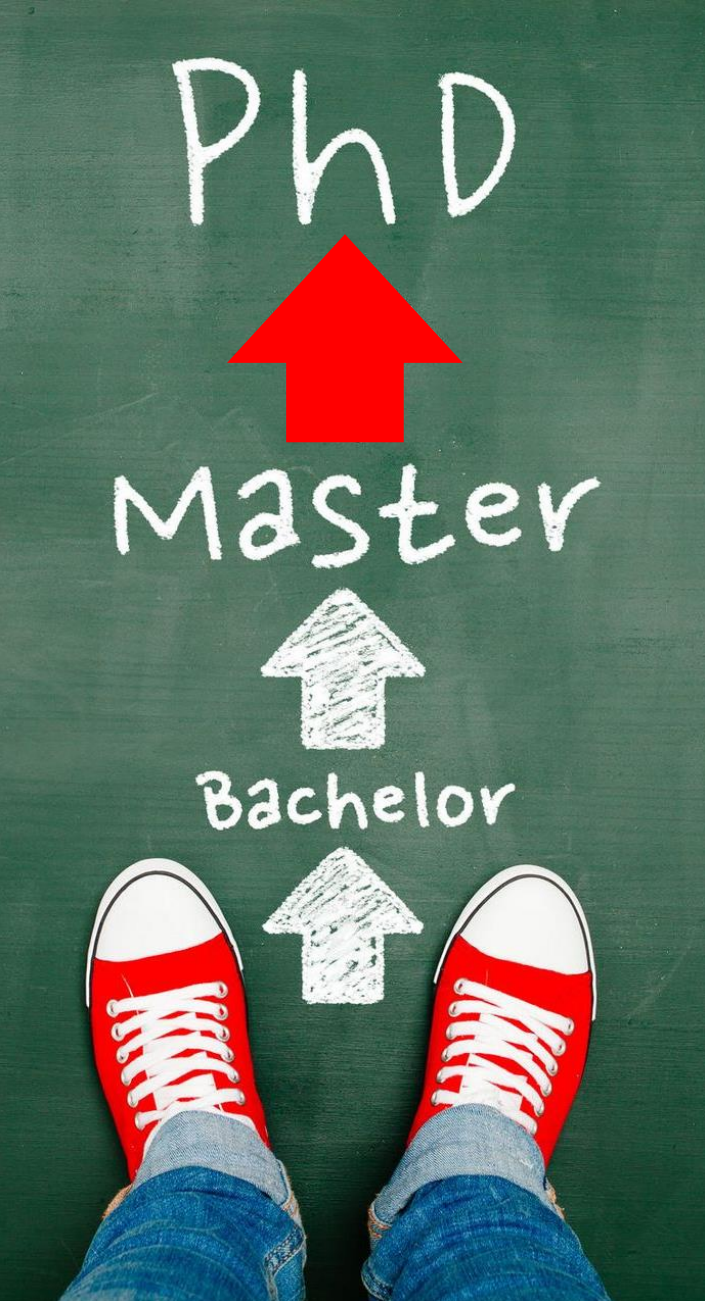
Preparing for a doctorate at KU Leuven

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- A. 'Standard' Belgian or international Master students with distinction

- B. 'Fast Track' candidates with a 4 year Bachelor's degree only

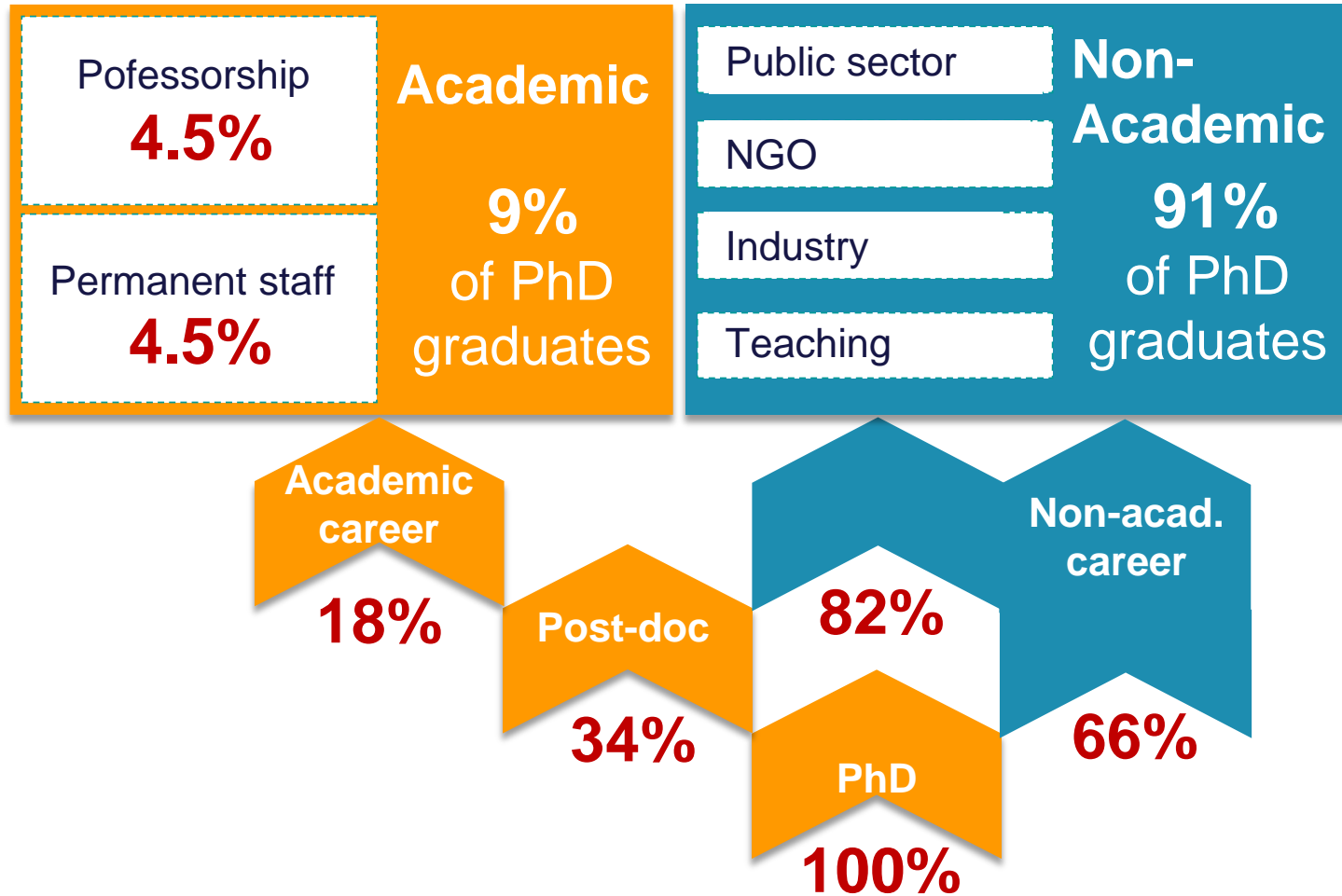
- C. International Master students that do not meet the KU Leuven educational requirements

For 'standard' Master students we focus on expectation management & onboarding

- Master info sessions: Towards a PhD
- PhD welcome day
- Charter for PhD researchers and the supervisor



Expectation management: A PhD prepares talent for society



Charter for the PhD researcher and the supervisor

Contains:

- Profile of the good PhD researcher
- Profile of the good supervisor
- list of other entities responsible for QC

Deals with:

- Research plan, progress and evaluation
- Publication policy
- Thematic training
- Skills development
- Career development
- Fair and honest scientific conduct
- Conflict management & ombudsperson

Fast track students and international students with shortcomings have to perform a predoc

- Belgian Master students: Not allowed
- EEA: Maximum 1 year
- Non-EEA: Maximum 2 years

€€€ Minimum pay: €1000/month (Net income)

Preparation



A predoc is a combination of coursework and research

Hum & Soc

Few cases

Ad hoc solutions

BMS

Mostly research

Course work 0-10 ECTS

STEM

Typically 12-18 ECTS course work

Sometimes up to 48 ECTS

Research

Predoc students have an exam at the end

- All course work needs to be successfully completed
- The predoc writes a thesis (25-50 pages)
- Evaluation is performed by two internal experts and two members of the doctoral committee
- After oral defence of the thesis, the jury can award:
“fail”, “pass”, “pass with distinction”
- “Pass with distinction” is needed to start a PhD

