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Temporal organisation of doctoral education
or “when do we offer what”?

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Doctoral Studies at RTU

- **500 doctoral students**
- **16 doctoral study programmes**
- **duration of studies - 4 years (288 ECTS)**
- **225 ECTS – research part**
- **63 ECTS – study courses**
- **50% of RTU doctoral students are involved in university scientific projects as employees**
- **25% works outside RTU and part of them carry research in collaboration with company**

In a transition from PhD students to early-stage researchers

- To ensure better social protection, Latvia is moving to PhD student employment
 - Higher PhD student involvement in the research projects
 - Shorter time to degree
 - No place «to try»
 - Less part-time opportunities
 - Distinct choice of career
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- Higher responsibility of institutions for students time
 - The programme should enhance the future career of PhD holder
 - The introductory course with coaching elements can support the decision

Essential things

**The introduction course
about PhD life and goals**

**Coaching approach at PhD
programme composition**

**Support supervisor and
student collaboration**

Discussion

- **When is too late to quit the PhD training?**
- **Responsibility for ethics – insitution vs PhD student**
- **Do full-time studies fit all?**