# PhD panel at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

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# Background

- ▶ PhD candidates are a large group of the employees
- ► Still during education
- Many decisions affect PhD-students, both directly and indirectly



# History

- ▶ Initiated i 2010
- ► Modeled after the Phd panel at the Faculty of Humanities
- Established after support from The Rectorate's policy statement 2009-2013
- ► Additional board to suplement allready existing bodies



## Goals of the PhD panel

- ► Represent PhD candidates interests at the faculty level
- ▶ Platform designed to advocate issues that are of general importance for PhD candidates
- ▶ Inform PhD candidates of new initiatives
- ▶ Improve transfer of experience between PhD candidates
- Strengthen communication between PhD candidates and the faculty



### Practical implementation

- Members
  - PhD candidates
  - two representatives from each department
- Meetings
  - as needed
  - open to all PhD candidates
- ▶ Regular contact with the faculty administration



#### **Members**

- Biology
  - Kirsten Møller
  - Ragnhild Valen
- ► Molecular Biology
  - Puja Gupta
  - Johannes Rack
- Chemistry
  - Ole-Johan Juvik
- ► Earth Science
  - Jord De Boer

- Geophysics
  - Helene Frigstad (until new year)
  - Kajsa Parding
- Informatics
  - ► Mohsen Toorani
- Mathematics
  - Christoffer Bartz-Johannessen
- Physics and Technology
  - Ragnhild Schrøder Hansen
  - Bjørnar Jensen



# Main topics last 6 months

- ► Midtermevaluation of PhD candidates
- Evaluation of research schools



## Do you want to join?

- ▶ Need two representatives from all departments
- Not time consuming (2-4 meetings per semester)
- Possibility to influence processes that affect PhD candidates
- Gives insights to how the faculty works and how decisions are made
- Valuable experience in administration and looks good on the CV
- Networking with other PhD's



#### Contact us

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