

## Education for PhD students of the PhD program Biomembranes at the Graduate school of Life Sciences, Utrecht University

The PhD program “Biomembranes” provides educational activities for PhD students. A total of 18 EC can be obtained within 4 years if participating in all events of the program during the PhD period (Table 1)

**Table 1: Courses of Biomembranes**

IB course	3 EC
Day of the Graduate students (4x)	1.5 EC
IB seminar program	5 EC
IB Conference on Biomembranes (4x)	1.5 EC
IB evenings for Graduate students	4 EC
IB AIO retreat (4x)	3 EC
<b>Totaal EC</b>	<b>18</b>

In order to obtain a Graduate School of Life Sciences (GS-LS) certificate, PhD students need to obtain 20 EC during his/her PhD period. The remaining points can be obtained via generic courses, and/or international (summer/winter) courses. At the site of the Graduate school of Life Sciences, all information about the PhD programmes as well as information for PhD students is available.

### **A short summary of important points:**

- All PhD students with a research contract of longer than 2 years have access to the PhD program
- To register in a PhD program, PhD students have to register in 2 separate databases: the database of Utrecht University (METIS) and the database of the Graduate School of Life Sciences (TSA database). **Both registrations have to be completed within 3 months after starting your PhD.** Courses can only be attended after submission of the signed TSA.
- One has to earn at least 5 EC/ year during the PhD period.
- At least 40% of the education must be in the form of courses and a maximum of 20% with (additional) conferences and symposia.

### **Finances**

PhD students receive € 1000 (250/year) to be spent on generic courses. PhD students from the Faculty of Sciences (Faculteit Bètawetenschappen) can obtain this money from their department/research group. PhD students from the faculties of Medicine and Vet. Medicine can apply for this money via their division. For PhD students from medicine €1600/4 years is available. In addition, also the costs for all additional courses (8 EC) are for the research group of the PhD student.

The **thematic courses** (minimum 8 EC) are organized by the PhD programme for which it receives money from the Faculty (IB from of Faculty of Science).

## **PhD training program:**

### **General courses (4 EC)**

A minimum of 4 credits need to be earned on courses that provide training and education in general and professional skills. The Graduate School of Life Sciences strongly encourages PhD students to attend workshops and courses that focus on developing professional skills and a building a (scientific) career. See the GS-LS website for more information.

### **Thematic courses (8 EC)**

A minimum of 8 credits need to be earned within the specific PhD program to which the PhD student has been admitted. The PhD program Biomembranes offers the following thematic courses and which are obligatory for the IB PhD students.

#### **IB course (3 EC)**

#### **IB seminar program (minimum 2 EC; maximum 5 EC)**

#### **Day of the Graduate students (1.5 EC)**

#### **IB Conference on Biomembranes (1.5 EC)**

### **Additional courses (8 EC)**

The PhD student is allowed to follow additional course of his/her choice including summer schools and conferences as well as courses provided by other PhD programs of the Graduate School.

## **Your CV and certificate**

Students have to register all their educational activities in a CV and which . This will be evaluated yearly by their supervisors yearly. After 4 years, your overview of the CV with the list of courses and earned EC points is sent to the PhD coordinator of the program. The coordinator will sent this information, after checking the EC points, to the secretary of the GS-LS so that a certificate can be made and handed over to the PhD student. The PhD program will register only the participation of students in educational activities organized by the IB

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web site of the GS-LS with information for PhD students

<http://www.uu.nl/EN/faculties/science/education/masterphd/gsls/phdstudents/Pages/default.aspx>