



Template for the 1st year report

PhD students enrolled in the 1st year must submit an annual report on their scientific, learning and networking activities.

Before the submission, the report must be checked and signed by the student's main supervisor and returned to the Course PhD Office for approval by the PhD Program Council to allow the promotion to the 2nd year.

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REPORT STRUCTURE

Summary (max 1 page)

1. Learning and networking activities (1-3 pages)

1.1 Compulsory courses of the Program

1.2 Other learning activities

1.3 Participation to national or international conferences, seminars, workshops; stages, short term scientific missions and contacted organizations and persons

2. Research synopsis

2.1 Research background and justification (1-3 pages)

2.2 State of knowledge on the research topic: a state of the art of the thesis topic based on an extensive and updated literature review (15-20 pages)

2.3 Research questions and objectives (1-3 pages)

2.4 Planned research methodology: materials and methods to be applied, possible criteria of selection and/or selected sites or experimental areas, scheduled field and/or laboratory activities, possible collaborations with other organizations, etc. (6-8 pages) Quoted literature can be included as an Annex

3. Research outcomes: scientific papers and/or memories submitted for publication, accepted or published; oral presentations; posters, etc. (1 page)

4. Self-evaluation of the 1st year: problems and positive experiences encountered during the 1st year, delays (and reasons) in the time schedule, supervisor(s) support, quality of the services provided by the PhD Program. Suggestions for improvements (1-2 pages)

5. Scheduled 2nd year research activities: learning, networking and research activities planned for the 2nd year, including field and/or laboratory data collection, use or development of models and software needed to achieve the research objectives, international mobility programs, potential risks and limitations, ethical issues, etc. (2-3 pages).

Notes

Normally a good description of the **state-of-the-art** of the selected research topic (although not perfectly complete) is in itself a chapter of the doctoral thesis. The PhD Program Council highly recommends to focus primarily on this point in the preparation of the 1st year final report.

Required **length**: minimum 25 pages, maximum 50 pages + Annexes.

The report has to include a **cover page** indicating:

- University, Department
- Land, Environment, Resources and Health (L.E.R.H.) PhD Program
- Thesis title
- 1st year report
- Full name of the student
- Full name of the supervisor(s)
- Date and place of issue