NEWSLETTER - DOCTORAL COURSES – April 2018

Course catalogue autumn 2018

The course catalogue autumn 2018 is published and will be open for application during the period 16 April – 15 May.

Information about admission has been sent out specifically to course organisers of autumn 2018 courses.

In this catalogue there are 108 advertised course occasions, which is a slightly lower number than previous autumn semesters. This might meet the number of doctoral students and their needs better, with fewer cancelled courses as a result. The overall trend is a higher number of courses in the autumn than in the spring due to the fact that a number of doctoral programmess co-organise courses together with the MSc programme in biomedicine during the autumn.

New pedagogical unit for Teaching and Learning

A project has been initiated to implement a new pedagogical unit, which will gather KI’s competences in higher education pedagogy. The aim is to have the new unit Teaching and Learning (Utbildning och Lärande, UoL) in place by 1 January 2019.

Read more (in Swedish only): https://ki.se/medarbetare/projekt-for-implementering-av-medicinpedagogisk-enhet-undervisning-och-larande-uol

Course evaluation summary for the year 2017

Since 2016 the Evaluation Unit (EVAL) at the department LIME has been carrying out the course evaluations for doctoral courses in collaboration with the course organisers. We can see that this generally works well and it enables follow-up of the outcome of course evaluations at an overall level.

The overall response rate for the year 2017 was 81 %. The questions that concerns general satisfaction with the course (Q18: Would you recommend this course to others?) indicates that nearly 95 % of the doctoral students would recommend the course to other doctoral students. The majority of questions in the survey template have five response options (ranging from To a very small extent to To a very large extent) and the median response throughout the survey is on alternative 4, To a large extent.

However, improvements can be made regarding feedback given during the course, regarding improvement of the ability to critically analyse and evaluate research findings, as well as of adjusting the level of the courses (challenge vs prior knowledge). Please consider if/how this can be improved within your course.

The report is available (in Swedish) on the web.
Review of the course evaluation questions

During this year we will look over the course evaluation questions to see if any adjustments are needed or if they are working well. Our intention is not to make any major changes, since we want to be able to compare results from year to year, but to consider smaller adjustments if needed. You are welcome to send us your feedback or suggestions regarding this.

Competence development for course organisers

In February we sent out a questionnaire to find out your interest in short practical workshops or seminars for competence development. We received close to 100 answers – thank you! There was a great spread of interest in the different themes suggested, and we also received some additional suggestions. Preferred time of the day seemed to vary depending on day, while campus Solna was the preferred location for the majority, but also a web-casted session was indicated as desirable.

The Course and programme committee will now look into which theme(s) to choose for the initial activities during the autumn semester. We will keep you posted!

General information for course organisers

On our web pages for course organisers of doctoral courses we collect all information you need to be able to arrange doctoral courses.

Please find previous newsletters here. Questions regarding doctoral courses can be sent to doctoralcourses@ki.se

Kind regards,

The Course and programme committee through Anna Gustafsson, Administrative Officer.

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