Obtaining your PhD at Radboud University

The Doctorate Regulations of Radboud University contain the procedures, tasks and responsibilities related to obtaining the doctorate. In this overview, you will find the most important people involved and the steps leading to the award of the doctorate.

Roles
Several players are involved in a promotion:

**PHD CANDIDATE**
She or he who is going to obtain a doctorate. If the PhD student has successfully completed the PhD track, she or he receives the PhD title.

**SUPERVISOR**
Is responsible for the supervision of the PhD student during the PhD trajectory.

**SUPERVISION TEAM**
Consists of doctoral experts, including the supervisor. Guides the PhD candidate during the PhD track.

**MANUSCRIPT COMMITTEE**
Decides whether the doctoral candidate has demonstrated the ability to do science independently.

**CUM LAUDE COMMITTEE**
Appointed only upon recommendation of the Manuscript Committee. Decides whether the manuscript is of excellent quality.

**DOCTORAL EXAMINATION BOARD**
Decides whether the doctorate can be awarded and decides whether the distinction cum laude can be granted.

The PhD track

**STEP 1**
Enrollment

**STEP 2**
Registration in Hora Finita

**STEP 3**
Setting up the supervision team

**STEP 4**
Drawing up a TSP*

**STEP 5**
Recording the scientific work in a manuscript

**STEP 6**
PhD Research

**STEP 7**
Setting up the Manuscript Committee

**STEP 8**
Decision of the Manuscript Committee

**STEP 9**
(Setting up the Cum Laude Committee)

**STEP 10**
PhD candidate establishes a PhD defence date with the registrar

**STEP 11**
Registrar checks the presence of formal requirements in the dissertation

**STEP 12**
Printing the PhD thesis

**STEP 13**
Setting up the Doctoral Examination Board

**STEP 14**
Submission of dissertation

**STEP 15**
Defence

**STEP 16**
Deliberation and decision of the Doctoral Examination Board

**STEP 17**
Awarding the doctorate & signing of diploma

*TSP = Training and Supervision Plan

You can find the full Doctorate Regulations at www.ru.nl/doctorateregulations