

DAILY LIFE AS A PHD CANDIDATE



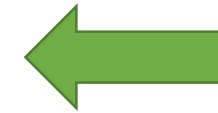
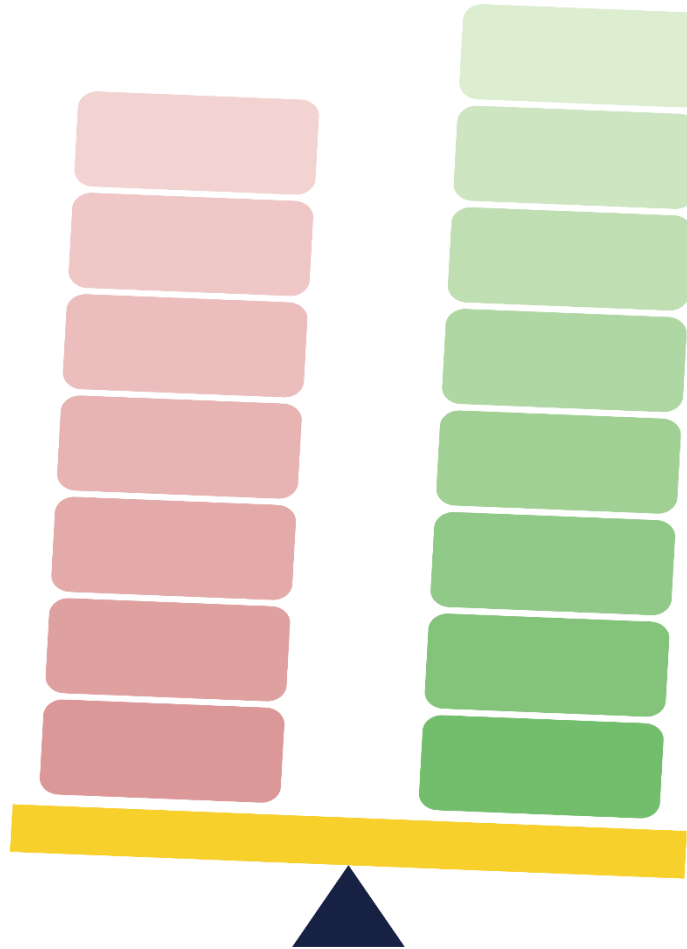
Let's start a PhD
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Keep a balance!



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Work in bad conditions



Work in good conditions

Discover Liège!



What does Liège have to offer?

Look for information that meets your needs and create your bucket list of ideas (maps, booklet, internet, etc.)



Exchange your findings with your group
& discuss which items you could check off your bucket and invite others to join you!

Scenarios

Read your assigned scenario and think about what you would do in this situation

Discuss with your group about the possible solutions



Scenario 1

You arrived in Liège a few months ago. You are very passionate about your thesis topic and the colleagues in your research unit are friendly with you. Nonetheless, it has been difficult to get to know them and have in-depth conversation because you do not speak French and they do not speak English. Outside of work, you haven't met many people nor have you enrolled in many social activities. You are starting to feel lonely and would like to make some friends...

What could you do?

Scenario 2

You have a lot of questions on your mind as you begin your thesis and you would like to find some answers.

Your supervisor is often out of the office because he travels a lot for work. You are not used to communicating with him by email. You would like to meet with him face-to-face to discuss your concerns but you don't know when he will have time. You get along with your colleagues but they do not work on the same topic as you and you do not think that they could be of assistance.

What could you do to find some answers?

Scenario 3

You have left your home country for the first time to start a PhD at the ULiège. Upon arrival, you realize how different everything is: the weather, the food, the people, etc. You are wondering how you will be able to adapt to the new culture, how you will integrate into your research unit and how you to break the ice with your new colleagues.

What could you do?

Scenario 4

During the month of May, you received a big brown envelop from the “Service Public Fédéral des Finances” in the mail. All the documents are written in French and look important, they seem to refer to the tax return procedure, but you don’t have a clue about what to do with them....

What should you do?

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