



Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

The Association of doctoral organizations in Norway (SiN) hereby
invites to

Seminar ”The life after the PhD degree”

**Egget (Studentsenteret), Bergen
7. March 2011, 10:00-16:00**

Background

It has been expressed a need for more doctoral degrees in the society, both at a national and a European level. However, information on which career opportunities are available after completing a doctoral degree is not always easily accessible. What possibilities are there for applying for academic positions and funding in Norway and abroad? What kinds of positions outside academia require people with a PhD? Is it a myth that many employers hesitate to hire people with a doctoral degree? What do employers expect from employees with a doctoral degree? How can the society make better use of this increasing and highly skilled work force?

Content

The seminar consists of three parts and will:

- a) Give an overview of career expectations among today's doctoral candidates compared to the employment situation for recently completed PhDs.
- b) Give an overview over possible career paths for those that have completed a PhD.
- c) Discuss what can be done to improve use of doctoral competence and the valorisation of a doctoral degree in society.

Registration

Lunch is included. If you want to attend, send your registration as soon as possible, and **no later than 28. February to stipendiatene@gmail.com.**

The seminar will be held in Norwegian

Welcome!



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Session A: The situation today

10:00–10:10: Introduction to the seminar by the Association of doctoral organizations in Norway (SiN)

What do the universities do to prepare doctoral candidates for the life after the PhD?

10.10–10.30: Berit Rokne, Deputy Rector, University of Bergen

10.30–10.50: Jarle Breivik, Head of research education and associate professor at Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo

10.50–11.30: *What expectations do doctoral candidates have to work after the PhD?* Kristin Lofthus Hope, Postdoctor/researcher II, UNI Rokkansenteret

11.30-12.30: Lunch

Session B: Different opportunities

12.30–12.50: *Stay in academia?* University of Bergen

12.50-13.25: *Create your own company?* Bergen technology transfer (BTO) and Nyskapingsparken incubator

13.25–13.45: *Work in industry?* Kristina Dahlberg, University and student coordinator, Det Norske Veritas (DNV)

13.45–14.00: Coffee break

14.00–14.20: *Working at a research institute 1:* Jan Olav Langseth, Communications advisor, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)

14.25–14.45: *Working at a research institute 2:* Arne S. Svindland, Managing director, UNI Research

14:45-15:00: Coffee break

Session C: Potential for improvement?

15:00-16:00: Panel debate focusing on the following topic:

There has been a strong increase in the number of doctoral degrees being produced at Norwegian higher education institutions during the last decade. What can and should

be done to have this competence being exploited in the best possible way within and outside academia?

Participants: Gry Kibsgaard, PhD coordinator, University of Bergen; Jarle Breivik, Head of research education and associate professor at Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo; Bente Lie, Director, Department of research, Ministry of education and research; and Inge Jan Henjesand, Head of knowledge politics, Abelia (the Business Association of Norwegian knowledge- and technology based enterprises).