



# The training component: Popular Scientific Work

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# Popular Scientific Work

- PhD candidates at UiB are required to achieve 30 credits (ECTS) for their training component as part of their doctoral education.
- The requirements of the training component at our faculty are stated in *Appendix 1, Regulations for the PhD degree, UiB*.
- The training component consists of obligatory and elective parts. The popular scientific work is obligatory and equals 3 credits.

# Popular Scientific Work cont.

The following rules apply for the popular scientific work:

- The candidate has chief responsibility for preparing the popular scientific work.
- The popular scientific work is intended for a **lay audience**, and must therefore make minimum use of technical terminology and specialized language so that people who are not familiar with the field can understand it. ***The intended audience is key to determining whether or not a body of work is “popular”.***

## Popular Scientific Work cont.

- *Content*: The popular scientific work does not necessarily have to be based on data from your own research; for example, it could be a general presentation of your field of research.
- *Form*: The popular scientific work can take a wide range of forms, such as a feature article for publication in a newspaper, an article for online publication (e.g. Wikipedia), a lecture, a radio or television programme, chapters for a book (not textbooks), etc.

# Popular Scientific Work cont.

- *Scope:* A written article must be published or submitted before it can be approved. A lecture must last at least 30 minutes. An interview must contain a substantial element of initiative; it is not sufficient to be a passive interviewee. Radio and/or television appearances must be of a sufficient scope or length to be approved.
- *Some examples of approved popular scientific work:* participation at the Researcher's Grand Prix, text/information on websites aimed at the general public, newspaper chronicle, interviews, lectures etc.

## Popular Scientific Work cont.

- When you have completed your popular scientific work, you must apply for approval.
- Documentation of the popular scientific work must be included when the application is submitted, and your supervisor and graduate school leader must sign your application for approval.
- The Faculty's formal body of approval is the Research and Researcher Training Committee (Forsknings- og forskerutdanningsutvalget (FFU)).



**Good luck with your popular scientific work!**

