

FAQ for Doctoral Student Positions

- I am currently writing my master thesis and do not have any other thesis to send in, what do I do?
 - Use the master thesis you have and clarify for example on the first page that it is work in progress and when you are expected to present your thesis. You can also send in another assignment/report where you can show your writing skills in English.
- How should the research proposal be structured?
 - The proposal usually has the following format. You should focus on point 1., 2. and 3. You can also reflect on what analyses you would intend on doing but include that in point 3. This is of course only a suggestion of the format.
 - Introduction and context of the study
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 - Problem statement
 - Research questions and objectives
 - Contribution of the study
 - Limitation of the study
 - Literature review
 - Research methodology
 - Data analysis and reporting of findings
 - Discussions and Conclusions
- What is the difference between letter of intent and application letter?
 - The application letter is more like an application for any job (where you can write in short about your background, you as a person, your experiences, why you apply to JIBS and what you can contribute to JIBS). The letter of intent is more focused on your motivation and what you intend to do in your doctoral studies. It is about your view on the doctoral studies.
- Is the PhD education at JIBS fully financed full-time?
 - Yes, you will be employed and have the same rights and responsibilities as other employees.
- How long is the PhD education at JIBS?
 - It is 5 years. The reason why it is 5 and not 4 years (as many other PhD programs are in Sweden) is that you will be teaching 20% of your time. Thus, the 5 years is split into 1 year of teaching and 4 years of PhD education.
- What is the initial salary?
 - Approximately 27 300 SEK