

# News in PhD studies

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- **Shorten length of (successful) study (to 4+1 years)**  
Students in 10th semester or higher / all PhD students:  
Biomolecular chemistry and bioinformatics: 9/27 (33 %)  
Life sciences 21/67 (31 %)
- **Do not skip stays abroad**  
Exception should be an exception, not a rule  
most students should go abroad

- following/expecting Higher Education Act Amendment from Jan 1, 2025 (if approved)  
payments from Sep. 1, 2025 (if approved)
- stipend → *Doctoral income*
- Doctoral income as stipend =  $1.2 \times$  min. wage (currently 23,000 CZK)
- Doctoral income as stipend+salary =  $1.8 \times$  min. wage
- update Feb. 12, 2024: salary preferred
- to be solved:
  - procedures
  - combination with grants
  - reporting income from other employers

# Changes in financing: at MU

until 2023:

- 11,250 CZK  $\times$  number of students  $\times$  12 month from government (209 mil. CZK for MU)
- 3,750 CZK from department (NCBR)

from 2024 (Sic!):

- 243 mil. CZK for MU from government  
13,123 CZK per student
- recommendation to keep current 15,000 CZK now

Rector's aim:

- income 16,000 CZK (of which stipend at least 12,000 CZK) from Sep. 1, 2024

# Changes in financing: consequences

- structure and purpose of ISP will change
- financial obligations will be included
  - doctoral income
  - stay abroad (probably no support from MU, the A6 stipend will be available only until 2025)
  - conferences, etc
- approved by applicant → supervisor → Doctoral board submitted to director of the department
- closely checked during studies, updated if needed

# New Study and Examination Regulations

New structure of ISP (already discussed)

Final evaluation

- SDE: passed/failed (if SDE remains)
- defense: passed/failed/summa cum laude (max. 10 %)  
decision of the examination committee

Examination committee (for SDE and defense)

- *exactly* 3 internal + 2 external members
- supervisor is *NOT* a member
- defense: at least 2 external reviewers  
no relation to MU  
may be external members of the committee

Referent

- (foreign/external) supervisor can appoint a *referent*  
to take care of specified administrative tasks