**Popular scientific summary of the thesis**

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**Why write a popular scientific summary of the thesis?**

The popular scientific summary of the thesis serves as an announcement of the PhD defence and trial lecture. The event will be published at the departmental webpages. Read and follow the instructions below and use the templates provided as is as this will be copied directly into a matching webpage template.

**What is in it for me?**

The announcement of your PhD defence will follow you as one of the top hits when someone googles your name. A well-written popular scientific summary of your research findings help in communicating your research to a broader audience and may prove beneficial when applying for jobs, networking, applying for grants etc. Due to its popular scientific genre, this summary can be more easily be distributed on social platforms like LinkedIn, Facebook and others.

The summary of the thesis can also be used as a text to use at the thesis back cover and when you submit your thesis in the **DUO Research Archive**. We encourage you to publish your doctoral thesis in DUO since this makes the thesis and your research more accessible to scientific scenes nationally and internationally. [More information about DUO can be found here](https://www.ub.uio.no/english/writing-publishing/phd/index.html).

**How to write popular scientific?**

[As part of the completion seminars](https://www.mn.uio.no/english/research/phd/phdevents/completion-seminar/), the MN faculty offers workshops where you can get help with writing your popular scientific summary.

Examples: [the MN faculty](https://www.ntbinfo.no/pressemelding/enzymjegere-gjor-ny-storfangst?publisherId=7742191&releaseId=17750751), [the Faculty of Dentistry](https://www.ntbinfo.no/pressemelding/vil-manipulere-bakteriene-til-ikke-a-gjore-oss-syke?publisherId=7755763&releaseId=15379451), [the Faculty of Humanities](https://www.hf.uio.no/forskning/aktuelt/arrangementer/disputaser/)*.*

**Explanation to the form**

* **Green text in brackets shall be filled in by the PhD candidate.**
* Text in italics are guidelines and the candidate removes these before submitting the summary to the department.
* Text in blue are headings in the webpage template (for Department).
* Information about adjudication committee, supervisors, leader of the defence and the trial lecture will be added by the Department.

**Form for popular scientific summary**

**Disputation: [Full name]**

Doctoral candidate [Full name] at the [Department], Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, is defending the thesis[Thesis title] for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor.

[Include a photo as attachment] *(mandatory*; *(will be cropped to 150 x 200 pixels))*

**Conferral summary / Kreeringssammendrag**

[This text is read by the dean during your conferral ceremony.]

*Text for conferral ceremony* ***(no more than 2-3 sentences!)***

* *A* ***short, popular scientific*** *paragraph* ***written in Norwegian*** *that summarizes the main findings in the thesis.*

**Main research findings / Hovedfunn** *(heading may be replaced by pop scientific title)*

[Main text]

*A short popular scientific summary (max 200 words) of your PhD thesis available to the public written in Norwegian or English.*

* ***Start with the most important information - your findings and impact!***
  + *In what context is your work important?*
  + *What is the impact on society, your field of work etc.*
* *Keep your sentences short and readable.*
* ***Avoid technical terms and abbreviations****. If used, make sure to explain them.*
* *Try to read your text aloud – if it´s hard to read out loud it´s probably because it´s hard to read.*
* *Consider using the ‘*[*…and…but…therefore…*](https://www.mn.uio.no/english/research/phd/resources/and-but-therefore.pdf)*’ method to structure your text.*
* *Consider adding a photo to make the research more relatable, e.g. illustration or a picture from the lab/fieldwork/of the group in action.* ***Make sure you have the rights to use the picture! (breadth: max 507 pixels)***

**Candidate contact information**

[LinkedIn/ResearchGate/blog etc.] *(optional)*

[Email] (*only relevant for* [*press release workshop*](https://www.mn.uio.no/english/research/phd/phdevents/completion-seminar/))

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