

## **Guidelines UG PhD ceremonies as from 27 September 2021**

As from 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 there is no longer a maximum to the guests that may be invited to attend a PhD ceremony in the Aula of the Academy Building.

The regular protocol for PhD ceremonies at the UG, together with the agreements stated below, will apply to these ceremonies.

The rule to regard and maintain a mutual distance of 1.5 meters does not apply any more.

The possibility for the audience to attend the PhD ceremony through a live stream will remain. In addition, the possibility for the PhD student and the 'Corona' members who wish to attend the ceremony online will remain. The PhD Degree Registration Office will send Webex invitations to the online participants.

### **Face masks**

It is no longer mandatory to wear face masks in the Academy Building.

### **Guidelines Academy Building and routing**

Guidelines for the Academy Building and routing do no longer apply.

### **Preliminary meeting and deliberations in the Curatorenkamer**

The preliminary meeting and the deliberations, held after the public thesis defense, take place in the Curatorenkamer. The PhD student's supervisors and members of the PhD Examining Committee may participate via video conference.

### **Deviations from the protocol**

The following points deviate from the regular protocol for PhD ceremonies, as attached to the PhD regulations:

Point 5: If desired, the supervisor(s) and members of the PhD Board may take part via video conference.

Point 7: The Chair, and the supervisors and members of the PhD Examining Committee who are physically present will be guided to the auditorium.

Point 15: The supervisor(s) and members of the PhD Examining Committee who are not physically present will take part in the deliberations via video conference.

Point 16: In the case that a PhD student may be awarded the cum laude distinction, voting on this will be done orally. This process thus deviates from anonymous voting.

Point 20: If the PhD student's supervisor takes part via video conference, they will remain seated throughout the laudatio and the other texts to be read aloud.

### **Degree certificate and meeting form**

The Chair and Secretary of the PhD Examining Committee and the supervisor(s) will sign the degree certificate and meeting form during the deliberations meeting as usual. If one or more supervisors or co-supervisors, and/or the Secretary cannot be physically present, the PhD Degree Registration Office will prepare the degree certificate and the meeting form with digital signature two weeks before the PhD ceremony. The Chair must always issue their signature pen-on-paper.

### **Date and time of the ceremony**

The time block as scheduled in Hora Finita will be used. The PhD student shall be given the choice between a hybrid or fully digital ceremony. The PhD student may also decide to postpone the ceremony.

### **Reception**

As of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 it is possible again to have a reception after a defense ceremony at the Academy Building. To organize your reception please contact the Facility Department via [fb@rug.nl](mailto:fb@rug.nl) . For information, you can visit the UG website at My University, DIY, Facility Portal.

### **Dress code**

The dress code may be relaxed; it may, for example, be difficult for a PhD student to hire a suit during this time. The requirement for attendees to wear sober clothing will still be enforced. Due to hygiene regulations, gowns cannot be borrowed.