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GCB UPDATE
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FEATURED UPDATE

GCB PhD student publications | GCB affiliation

All registered GCB students are required to have at least one first-author publication prior to submitting their written thesis. This and any other publications to which a GCB PhD student has contributed and is a listed author, must be affiliated to the GCB.

01 IMPORTANCE TO YOU, THE STUDENT

Getting your research published requires you to demonstrate the ability to conduct quality research, effective time management, clear written communication skills, and the persistence required to navigate the publication process. A strong publication record helps establish your credibility as a researcher in your chosen field, provides you with networking opportunties and enhances your future career prospects.

02 IMPORTANCE TO THE GCB

The graduate school is key lever in promoting its students publication proliferation. A key metric demonstrating the success of the graduate school is the number of manuscripts published by its students. The competitiveness of the graduate school and ability to attract the best PhD students is linked to the productivity of its current students.

03 IMPORTANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY

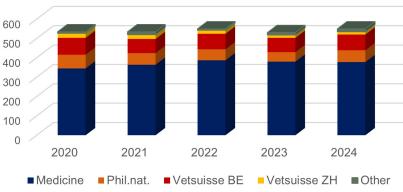
It is in the University of Bern's interest to maximize the research productivity of its PhD students. The visibility and value of the university are tied to the quality of its researchers and their work, as well as to the ability to attract the best academic minds.

THE GCB UPDATE

2024 Numbers

GCB total number of students in 2024: 549 registered, (which excludes 121 theses defended, accounts for discontinued and includes the 142 new applications in 2024)

GCB Student Distribution Across Faculties



GCB Student Distribution Across Expert Committees 600 500 400 300 200 100 0 8iological Systems Biomedical Science Cell Biology Molecular Biology & Biochemisty

THESIS DEFENSE PROCESS REMINDERS

- The GCB written thesis guidelines are on the GCB Website (PhD Thesis Defense & Degree page). However, your supervisor is with whom you will discuss the format and structure of your written thesis, as they are most familiar with your research field and individual project.
- 2. Your final progress report submitted to your mentor and the GCB may not be more than six months old when you submit your written thesis.
- Remeber when printing the three required written thesis copies they may either be hard or soft bound. The University of Bern does not accept spiral bound thesis documents.

