



Basic facts

- Established in addition to the existing doctoral programme in Social Sciences
- For doctoral candidates at all stages of their studies
- Voluntary membership for supervisors and doctoral candidates

Main objectives

- Attracting ambitious and highly qualified doctoral candidates in the social sciences
- Increasing the exchange of experiences among doctoral candidates and supervisors within and across departments
- Enhancing the doctoral candidates' international experiences
- Improving completion rates

Membership and requirements

Supervisors	Doctoral candidates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working in the social sciences• Employed with the University of Vienna (subject to an employment contract of 50 % or more)• Consent to the Code of Good Practice for Doctoral Schools• Participation in the activities organised by the Doctoral School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrolled in the doctoral programme in Social Sciences• At least one supervisor who is a member of the ViDSS• Consent to the Code of Good Practice for Doctoral Schools• Temporary membership for 9 months, after which doctoral candidates should complete the public presentation at the Faculty (FÖP); an extension is possible to a maximum of 12 months• Regular submission of progress reports• Participation in the activities organised by the ViDSS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Regular participation in a PhD Club○ Participation in a workshop, ViDSS Brownbag Session or other activities at least once a year○ Presentation of the doctoral thesis project in the form of a departmental or faculty-wide lecture or at an international conference at least once during the first three years of doctoral studies