

## Instructions for the reading group at the planning seminar

- In conjunction with the planning seminar, a specially appointed reading group shall provide constructive views on the doctoral student's research plan (approximately 5-6 pages).
- A planning seminar should be an occasion when the doctoral student is given support so the work done on the thesis has the correct focus and progress is made. The prerequisites may differ depending on the context in which the thesis work is being done.
- Planning seminars can vary greatly but usually the doctoral student gives a short presentation of the research plan which is followed by a discussion of the text led by a member of the research environment. Sometimes there is a chair but that role is not always taken on by the senior reader in charge.
- It is the doctoral student's research plan that is the focus of the discussion.
- The focus is on the anchoring of the proposed project in the subject area in question, its scientific basis and feasibility. However, the communicative aspects of the research plan should also be discussed.