

# Annex C: PhD in 20 questions - questionnaire template

## SECTION 1: Basic information

Q1. How old are you? (mandatory)

- Answer in number

Q2. Which gender do you identify as? (pick one) (mandatory)

1. Male
2. Female
3. Other
4. Rather not say

Q3. What year are you currently in? (pick one) (mandatory)

1. Bachelor's
2. Master's (1st year)
3. Master's (2nd year)
4. other : please specify

Q4. What is the title of your degree? (mandatory) (give examples depending on the country)

- Answer in text (short)

Q5. For what reason(s) did you choose this degree? (pick one or more) (mandatory)

- Career perspectives in this field are rather good
- Someone recommended this degree to me
- I am rather successful as regards to the taught courses
- It is in line with my previous degree
- I am interested in the topic
- It is necessary for my career path
- Other: please specify

## SECTION 2: Introduction to PhD

Q6. Have you been informed about research as a potential career path? (pick one) (mandatory)

1. Yes I heard a lot about it
2. Yes I know it exists but I have not dig into it
3. Not at all
4. I don't know

Q7. If you answered yes, through what channel(s) did you hear about potential PhD/research opportunities in your field? (pick one or more)

1. from teachers/lecturers at the university
2. from PhD students at the university
3. from teachers/researchers or PhD students in my family/close social environment
4. I read about it in a paper or on the internet
5. Other: please specify

Q8. Please elaborate shortly (who, how?)

- Answer in text (long)

Q9. Have you ever considered doing a PhD? (pick one) (mandatory)

1. No, never
2. Not anymore
3. Yes, I am seriously considering it as a logical next step from my current studies
4. Yes, I am considering it but haven't seriously made the decision or done my research yet
5. Yes but only in my dreams
6. Maybe after some work experience
7. Other: please specify

Q10. Could you explain why or why not?

- Answer in text (long)

### **SECTION 3: What is a PhD for you?**

Q11. In your opinion, a PhD relates more to: (pick one) (mandatory)

1. Studies : scale 1 -5
2. Work : scale 1 -5
3. Both scale 1 -5
4. Other: please specify

Q12. Can you explain a bit more your opinion about PhD?

- Answer in text (long)

Q13. Do you agree with the following statements about PhD? (for each proposition, from 1. Strongly disagree to 5. Strongly agree) (mandatory)

1. You can access aPhD only with very good grades at the university
2. You must read a lot of useless literature
3. You get to spend 3+ years at the university out of trouble
4. It means a lot of solitude
5. It requires discipline
6. It is highly valued
7. It is an interesting first work experience
8. It leads to becoming a lecturer at the university

9. It is a unique intellectual challenge in order to build oneself as an individual
10. It is expensive
11. You cannot do it part-time

#### **SECTION 4: Skills needed for a PhD**

Q14. In your opinion, are these skills useful to do a PhD? (for each proposition, from "1. not useful" to "5. essential") (mandatory)

1. Adaptability
2. Stress management
3. Teamwork
4. Networking
5. Communication skills
6. Autonomy
7. Decision-making
8. Organising skills
9. Self-discipline
10. Creativity
11. Curiosity
12. Perseverance / endurance
13. Global thinking
14. Reactivity
15. Others : specify

#### **SECTION 5: What about you?**

Q15. How strong would you consider yourself as regards to these skills? (for each proposition, from "1. not so strong" to "5. very strong") (mandatory)

1. Adaptability
2. Stress management
3. Team work
4. Ability to federate
5. Communication skills
6. Autonomy
7. Decision-making
8. Organising skills
9. Self-discipline
10. Creativity
11. Curiosity
12. Perseverance
13. Global thinking
14. Reactivity
15. Others : specify

## **SECTION 6: Do you want to take part?**

Q16. Do you feel that you have been adequately informed that research was a career option in your field? (mandatory)

- Answer from 1. No, not at all to 5. Yes, I feel I have all the information I need

Q17. Would you want to get more information about the opportunities for PhD after your studies ? (pick one) (mandatory)

1. Yes
2. No
3. I don't know

Q18. Would you want to take part in research seminars during your studies? (mandatory)

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No
4. It is required in order to get my degree
5. I don't know

Q19. Would you want to take part in research projects adapted to your level during your studies? (mandatory)

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No
4. I don't know

Q.20 Any further comments or suggestions? (optional)

- Answer in text (long)