

UVA STUDENT CAREERS CENTRE

Are you PhD proof?

Find out if doing a PhD is right for you.

Exercise

Score yourself on a scale of one to five regarding the following aspects and ask people who know you to score you on the various aspects as well. One stands for 'to a low degree', with five standing for 'to a significant degree'. A conversation about the results can clarify a great deal. Naturally, you pick the people you consult yourself and you determine what you do with their feedback.

• enjoyment of learning	1	2	3	4	5
• ingenuity/originality of thought	1	2	3	4	5
• analytical skills	1	2	3	4	5
• results (average marks + nominal)	1	2	3	4	5
• learning pace/planning skills	1	2	3	4	5
• academic writing	1	2	3	4	5
• command of academic English	1	2	3	4	5
• independence/self-discipline/perseverance	1	2	3	4	5
• budget/project management	1	2	3	4	5

Please note

You should regard this exercise as an indication and starting point to facilitate a dialogue with others about your opportunities and options.

Evaluation

Naturally, you can discuss the results of this exercise with a careers adviser at the UvA Student Careers Centre. Book an appointment at career.uva.nl.