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- Joint PhD, VUB is not the main institution¹
- Sandwich PhD (Doing your PhD minimally 50% outside of Belgium in your home country)²
- Minimally 50% working in non-research function³
- Other⁴

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