

ESU 2025 Conference and Doctoral Programme Grading System

Classification of PhD student groups

Early-stage group	Work-in progress group	Mature group
Students not having started their PhD studies and those in their first year of doctoral studies.	PhD students that are in the middle of their PhD studies.	Students that are in the end of their PhD process or PhDs that have finalized their thesis.
Students in this group present their research proposal.	Students in this group present their early phase research.	Students in this group present their results papers.

Instruction to write your paper:

In order to limit the amount of effort and guarantee a similar workload for all participants (both in writing the paper and in reviewing the assigned paper), we strongly recommend that papers submitted are no longer than the following (main text, excluding references):

- Research proposal (Early-stage group): 2.500 words.
- Work in progress research (Work in progress group): 4.000 words.
- Results paper (Mature group): 4.000 words.

Workload for the ESU2025 Doctoral Programme.

We estimate that 6 ECTS equal 180 hours of study time, which is divided as follows:

- Writing an Abstract - 10h
- Writing the paper - 65h
- Reviewing a paper - 20h
- Reading the literature on the reading list - 20h
- Attending the conference and presenting the paper - 40h
- Writing a max. 5-page report on what you have learned during the conference and how you will incorporate this into your future research - 25h

Doctoral Programme tasks

Timeline	Early-stage group	Work in progress group	Mature group
Before coming to Southampton	<p>Write and submit the Paper.</p> <p>Review assigned paper and submit a written review before 25th of August 2025.</p> <p>Read the papers provided in the reading list.</p>	<p>Write and submit the Paper.</p> <p>Review assigned paper and submit a written review before 25th of August 2025.</p> <p>Read the papers provided in the reading list.</p>	<p>Write and submit the Paper.</p> <p>Review assigned paper and submit a written review before 25th of August 2025.</p> <p>Read the papers provided in the reading list.</p>
During the ESU week In Southampton	<p>Participate actively in all sessions.</p> <p>Present own paper Perform as discussant on another author's paper.</p>	<p>Participate actively in all sessions.</p> <p>Present own paper Perform as discussant on another author's paper.</p>	<p>Participate actively in all sessions.</p> <p>Present own paper Perform as discussant on another author's paper.</p>
After the ESU week	<p>Write a reflection related to own research (max. 5 page) and submit it no later than 30th September 2025.</p>	<p>Write a reflection related to own research (max. 5 page) and submit it no later than 30th September 2025.</p>	<p>Write a reflection related to own research (max. 5 page) and submit it no later than 30th September 2025.</p>