Framework for thesis collaboration with a student from SCIENCE

How long does a thesis collaboration last?
Depending on the MSc programme, students from SCIENCE can collaborate with you on their thesis for either 4, 6½ or 9 months.

It is possible to extend the thesis collaboration?
In some cases, it is possible to extend the thesis collaboration with a thesis preparation project.
The thesis preparation project must take place before the thesis and can last either 8 or 18 weeks.
In a thesis preparation project, the student can collect data and do other kinds of preliminary work to get ready for the thesis in collaboration with your company/organization.

When can we begin our thesis collaboration?
Depending on the student's MSc programme and individual situation, they can begin writing their thesis on one of the following dates:

- 31 January
- 15 April
- 20 August
- 15 November

No later than 2 months before the start date, you and the student must have agreed on the subject and on a plan for the thesis collaboration. This is because the student must include this information in their thesis contract.

If relevant, can also consider drawing up an agreement about rights and confidentiality between your company/organisation and the student.
What does the thesis collaboration require of our company/organisation?

You must choose a contact person in your company/organisation who can be go-to for the student, for example when the student has questions, needs to discuss the thesis subject or needs access to facilities.

Together with the student and their supervisor from SCIENCE, you must plan the framework for your collaboration. For example:

- How long the thesis collaboration will last.
- How many hours per week the student must spend in your company or organisation.
- What the student must have access to and to which extent – for example data, laboratories, etc.
- How many hours of support and guidance the contact person can offer the student and when.

Please note that it is primarily the student’s thesis supervisor from the university who is responsible for offering academic support. The supervisor from the university is also responsible for ensuring that the thesis meets the formal requirements of the programme.

Finally, the supervisor from SCIENCE will be the examiner when the student is ready to defend their thesis. The contact person in your company or organisation will not take part in the final assessment of the thesis.

Which language will the thesis report be in?

The thesis report must be in English if the student is on an English-taught MSc programme.

In the Danish-taught MSc programmes, the student can choose to write in Danish, Swedish, Norwegian or English – if the primary supervisor concurs.