



Master's thesis with a SCIENCE student

As a part of their Master's thesis, an MSc student from SCIENCE can contribute to solving a specific problem in collaboration with your company/organisation. The thesis is a form of professional exchange, where

- you as a company/organisation gain fresh perspectives on your subject matter and get to know future SCIENCE graduates
- the student gains experience in applying their academic knowledge in practice at your workplace.

The collaboration can vary in duration and can be conducted in several different ways.

Timing and duration of a thesis collaboration

The location and duration of a Master's thesis always depend on the individual student's study plan and the framework of their education.

A Master's thesis can generally **start at five fixed times of the year**, coinciding with SCIENCE's block start in September, November, February, April, or July.

Talk to the student about what is possible within the framework of their specific study plan.

Possible size and duration of the thesis (depending on the student)	
30 ECTS	4 months
45 ECTS	6.5 months
60 ECTS	9 months

What the collaboration requires from your company

You must appoint a **contact person** to be the student's sparring partner and point of entry to the company/organisation. You will plan the framework for the collaboration with the student and the Master's thesis supervisor at the university.

Together with the student, you will talk through and make a plan for

- the duration of your collaboration
- the number of hours per week the student will be in the company/ organisation
- the level of access to data, laboratories, and similar resources the student will have.



It's the student's supervisor at the university who has the academic supervisory responsibility and, as the examiner, is responsible for assessing the Master's thesis.

What you can expect from the thesis collaboration

Based on their academic knowledge, the student can contribute to illuminating and proposing solutions to specific problems in the company/organisation. The student must not be involved in your regular operations as an extra workforce.

Since the Master's thesis is part of an educational and learning process, the student needs time to write the thesis and meet other formal and academic requirements of the project.

There are 2 types of thesis collaboration:

- **You work closely together with the student.** You participate in developing the topic for the Master's thesis with the student and their thesis supervisor, and the student works on the thesis in the company.
- **The student collects empirical data from your company** to use for working on their Master's thesis at the University.

Rules for salary and gifts to the student

The student is **not allowed to receive a salary**, as they are with you in their capacity as a student – not as an employee.

If you wish to, you may give the student

- **gifts** equivalent to a maximum of 3,000 DKK, required that this is not agreed upon in advance.
- **contributions to expenses** related to the collaboration, such as transport costs and accommodation if the company is far from the student's home.

Confidentiality and rights

You can make an IPR contract with the student and the University of Copenhagen if

- the student works with confidential content in your company
- your company needs to secure the rights to ideas, articles, or products developed during the collaboration.