

Organisation of a scientific symposium: criteria

Each PhD student of the DS H&LS should (co)organize at least one scientific symposium during his/her PhD (see [minimal requirements](#)). The DS Board of the DS H&LS has defined some criteria to make it more clear which symposia qualify for this requirement. The DS Board defined 3 criteria who are obligatory and 8 criteria of which at least 3 should be fulfilled (2 in case of an online symposium). Besides these criteria they also defined that max. 6 PhD candidates can co(organize) a symposium. This number can be increased but only if there are good reasons for it and only after approval of the DS Board. The DS Board also wants to emphasize that the symposia should have a clear link with the fact that Hasselt university is a [civic university](#).

Obligatory criteria

- Scientific symposium
- International: at least one international speaker
- Everyone who is interested can attend the symposium

Optional criteria (at least 3 should be fulfilled, 2 in case of an online symposium)

- Possibility to submit an abstract
- Search for sponsors
- Language: English
- Organisation of workshops/hands-on sessions
- Organisation of a fair during the breaks
- Organisation of a clinical network event (e.g. meet and greet between clinical partners and researchers)
- Attention for innovation (e.g. a speaker from the industry)
- Involvement of patient ambassadors in the programme