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Being a PhD Student in Finance

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Agenda

- 1. A PhD in a Nutshell
- 2. The Organization of the Program
- 3. Being a Part of the Faculty
- 4. Social Life



A PhD in a Nutshell

• The illustrated guide to a PhD by Matt Might

http://matt.might.net/articles/phd-school-in-pictures/



The Organization of the Program

- 3 years
- 30 ECTS of coursework
 - Mandatory courses at CBS and courses abroad offered through Nordic Finance Network (NFN)
- Teaching obligations and supervision
- Presentations
- Research stay abroad
- PhD thesis



Being a Part of the Faculty

- Main supervisor and secondary supervisor
- Extremely easy to engage with all faculty members
- Weekly seminars + PhD meetings
- Conferences
- Meet and talk to the superstars in the profession
- Annual presentation of your research to the department
- Semi-annual presentation to PhD fellows



Social Life

- Social events at the department, e.g.
 - Christmas dinner
 - Strategy seminar
 - DHL relay and CBS campus relay
 - Breakfast club
- Social events with PhDs fellows, e.g.
 - Christmas dinner
 - "Food clubs", birthdays, housewarming etc.
 - NeXus
 - Badminton and running
 - Daily chat



Final Remarks

- Choose the topic of your master thesis strategically
- Tell your supervisor if you are interested in pursuing a PhD
- Discuss your research proposal with your supervisor
- Notice your gut feeling as you are writing your master thesis

 it is a lot like doing a PhD!
- Life as a PhD student is extremely flexible and requires a lot of discipline and staying power



Any Questions?

