

# Making the title page for your doctoral dissertation

## a practical guide

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## 1. Introduction, rules and procedure

Each TU Delft doctoral dissertation must contain a title page containing a standard formula and a number of variables. With this guide we hope to offer some practical assistance to our doctoral candidates.

You can find the formal regulations concerning the title page in section D. of the Implementation Decree on Doctoral Regulations on the Graduate School website.

This guide was written in consultation with the Board for Doctorates in December 2018. When in doubt, send a message to [graduateschool@tudelft.nl](mailto:graduateschool@tudelft.nl).

### Approval of the title page:

When you submit the draft dissertation, propositions and Form B, the title page should also be included. At this point some variables (such as the defence date and the composition of your doctoral committee) will not be certain yet. Therefore, you can leave the defence date empty and you may omit the independent and other members from the reverse side of your draft title page.

Later, when the committee members have sent their confirmation and their favourable judgement of the dissertation, you will complete the title page and send it to [graduateschool@tudelft.nl](mailto:graduateschool@tudelft.nl). Then, after you have received approval through the GS office, you may have your dissertation printed.

## 2. Front of the title page

- **The title page may be written in the English or Dutch language** preferably in the same language as the dissertation;
- **The text is center-aligned;**
- **Per 1-1-2018, our Rector Magnificus is Prof.dr.ir. T.H.J.J. van der Hagen**  
Since change is inevitable, always check the name of the current Rector Magnificus on the TU Delft website (about TU Delft/organization/executive board);
- **Your last name(s) should always be written in capitals;**
- **Add your academic title + related university and country**  
If your highest academic diploma was written in Latin script, please copy the exact title onto your diploma. Otherwise\*, record the English translation onto an English title page, or a Dutch translation onto a Dutch title page.

**Template in English:**

[Title of dissertation]  
Dissertation  
for the purpose of obtaining the degree of doctor  
at Delft University of Technology  
by the authority of the Rector Magnificus, [titles, name],  
chair of the Board for Doctorates  
to be defended publicly on  
[date= weekday (word) day (number), month (word) year (number)] at [hh:mm (number)] o'clock  
by  
[first names in full and SURNAME in upper case]  
[highest academic title, name university, country]  
born in [town/city, country of birth]

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**Template in Dutch:**

[Titel van het proefschrift]  
Proefschrift  
ter verkrijging van de graad van doctor aan de Technische  
Universiteit Delft,  
op gezag van de Rector Magnificus, prof. [titels, naam],  
voorzitter van het College voor Promoties,  
in het openbaar te verdedigen op  
[weekdag (voluit), dag (getal) maand (voluit), jaar (getal)] om [uu:mm] uur  
door  
[voornamen voluit en ACHTERNAAM in hoofdletters]  
[academische titel voluit, naam universiteit, land]  
geboren te [plaats, geboorteland]

**Examples in English:**

**Sustainable concrete infrastructure design**

Dissertation

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chair of the Board for Doctorates  
to be defended publicly on  
*Monday 4 June 2018 at 12:30 o'clock*

by

*Özlem GÜL*  
Diplom-Informatiker, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany  
born in *Munich, Germany*

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**\*Example diploma not in Latin script:**

*Peng WANG*  
Master of Engineering in Mathematics, Wuhan University, China  
born in *Beijing, China*

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**\*Example Dutch diploma:**

*Ahmad AWAZ*  
Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands  
born in *Jakarta, Indonesia*

**Examples in Dutch:****Duurzaam ontwerp van betonnen infrastructuur**

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**Ahmad AWAZ**  
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geboren te Jakarta, Indonesië

### 3. The reverse side – the basics

- **The text is aligned to the left;**
- **The reverse side may be written in Dutch or English.** Preferably in the same language as the front and in the same language as the dissertation;
- **The committee:**
  - **There is always one chairman;**
  - **There is always one promotor.** There may also be another promotor or a copromotor;
  - **There are always independent members;**
- **There is a hierarchy:**
  - **First the chairman, then the promotor, then the copromotor.**
  - **Then the independent members, followed by the reserve member (if any).**
  - **Then the other members (if any).**

#### Template in English:

This dissertation has been approved by the promotor[*en*].

Composition of the doctoral committee:

Rector Magnificus,	chairperson
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	Delft University of Technology, promotor
[ <i>Dr. [titles name]</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ], <i>copromotor</i> ]

Independent members:

Prof. [ <i>titles name</i> ]	Delft University of Technology
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ]
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ]
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ]

#### Template in Dutch:

Dit proefschrift is goedgekeurd door de promotor[*en*].

Samenstelling promotiecommissie bestaat uit:

Rector magnificus,	voorzitter
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	TU Delft, promotor
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliatie</i> ], <i>copromotor</i> ]

onafhankelijke leden:

Prof. [ <i>titles name</i> ]	Technische Universiteit Delft
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ]
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ]
[ <i>titles name</i> ]	[ <i>affiliation</i> ]

### Example 1. in English

This dissertation has been approved by the promotor.

Composition of the doctoral committee:

Rector Magnificus,	chairperson
Prof.dr.ir. P.H.T. Verstappen	Delft University of Technology, promotor
Dr.ir. P.D. Deneuve	Delft University of Technology, copromotor

Independent members:

Prof.dr.ir. G.M. Van Bekhoven	Delft University of Technology
Prof. Y. Ishihara	Tokyo University, Japan
Prof.dr. P.M. Charlier	Eindhoven University of Technology
Prof.dr.ir. P.L.W. Goncalves Fernandes	Middle East Technical University, Turkey
Prof.dr. P. Dijkstra	Delft University of Technology, reserve member

### Example 2. in Dutch

Dit proefschrift is goedgekeurd door de promotoren.

Samenstelling promotiecommissie bestaat uit:

Rector magnificus,	voorzitter
Prof.dr.ir. P.H.T. Verstappen	Technische Universiteit Delft, promotor
Dr.ir. P.D. Deneuve	Technische Universiteit Graz, Oostenrijk, copromotor

Onafhankelijke leden:

Prof.dr.ir. G.M. Van Bekhoven	Technische Universiteit Delft
Prof. Y. Ishihara	Universiteit Tokyo, Japan
Prof.dr. P.M. Charlier	Technische Universiteit Delft
Prof. P. Leclerc	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, België
Dr. P. Dijkstra	Technische Universiteit Delft

### 3.1 The reverse side - adding the chairman and (co)promotors

- **The chairman is always named ‘Rector Magnificus’;**
- **The promotor is always mentioned before the copromotor and a full professor before an associate professor (see #2 and 3);**
- **A TU Delft promotor is always mentioned before a promotor from another organization, regardless of their title (see # 1 and 2);**
- **The role of the (co)promotors is mentioned after their affiliation.**

#### Example 1. one TUD promotor and one external promotor

This dissertation has been approved by the promotors.

Composition of the doctoral committee:

Rector Magnificus	chairman
Prof.dr. W.P. Geluk	Delft University of Technology, promotor
Prof.dr. J.T. Fokkema	Eindhoven University of Technology, promotor

#### Example 2. one TUD and one external promotor and one copromotor

This dissertation has been approved by the promotors.

Composition of the doctoral committee:

Rector Magnificus	chairman
Dr.ir. W.P. Geluk	Delft University of Technology, promotor
Prof.dr. J.T. Coop	Technische Universität Berlin, Germany, promotor
Dr.ir. P. Ghit	Delft University of Technology, copromotor

#### Example 3. two TUD promotors, one full professor and one associate professor

This dissertation has been approved by the promotors.

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Rector Magnificus	chairman
Prof.dr. W.P. Geluk	Delft University of Technology, promotor
Dr.ir. J.T. Fokkema	Delft University of Technology, promotor

#### Example 4. one promotor (old-school style)

This dissertation has been approved by the promotor.

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Rector Magnificus	chairman
Prof.dr. W.P. Geluk	Delft University of Technology, promotor

#### Example 5. in Dutch

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Samenstelling promotiecommissie bestaat uit:

Rector magnificus,	voorzitter
Prof.dr.ir. P.H.T. Verstappen	Technische Universiteit Delft, promotor
Dr.ir. P.D. Deneuve	Technische Universiteit Delft, copromotor

## 3.2 The reverse side - adding the committee members

There may be a reserve member or other member(s);

- 'Other member' means the opposite of an independent member: a member who has contributed to your doctoral research and dissertation.

There is a hierarchy:

- Independent members first;
- The reserve member, if applicable, is the last of the independent members;
- Any 'other members' are added at the bottom, regardless of their title;
- Professors are always placed above doctors;

Add the full name of the university/organisation (and, i.a., the foreign country) of each member.

### Example 1. independent members and other members

Independent members:

Prof.dr. J.P. Van de Ven	Delft University of Technology
Prof. P. Leclerc	Comillas Pontifical University, Spain
Prof. Y. Ishihara	Delft University of Technology
Dr. J.T. Glück	Berlin University of Technology, Germany

Other members:

Prof. B.T. Okonkwo	University of Abuja, Nigeria
Dr. P. Dijkstra	Delft University of Technology

### Example 2. reserve member

Independent members:

Prof.dr. J.P. Van de Ven	Delft University of Technology
Prof.dr. P.V. Apostolou	National Technical University of Athens, Greece
Prof. Y. Ishihara	Tokyo University, Japan
Dr. P. Dijkstra	Delft University of Technology
Prof. P.M. Charlier	Delft University of Technology, reserve member

### Example 3. in Dutch

Onafhankelijke leden:

Prof.dr.ir. G.M. Van Bekhoven	Technische Universiteit Delft
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Prof.dr. P.M. Charlier	Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
Prof. P. Leclerc	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, België
Prof.dr. P. Kohler	Technische Universiteit Delft, reservelid

Overig lid:

Dr. P. Dijkstra	Technische Universiteit Delft
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### 3.3 Other elements of the reverse side:

1. The doctoral candidate may mention any significant contributions to the preparation of the dissertation by an ‘other’ member of the committee:

**Example:** *‘Prof.dr. W. Veldhoven of Twente University has contributed greatly to the preparation of this dissertation.’*

2. If the doctoral candidate has received substantial assistance or support in preparing his doctoral dissertation from another member of TU Delft academic staff than the (co)promotor, or by a member of academic staff from an external institute for scientific research, the name of that staff member and their contribution can also be mentioned briefly on the title page, provided the promotor consents to this.

**N.B.** The promotor or copromotor may be thanked in the acknowledgements section of the dissertation.



3. Organisations or persons who have sponsored or made a financial contribution to the realization of the dissertation and/or the related research must be mentioned on the reverse side of the title page in accordance with D.1.6. of the Implementation Decree. This may be done either by adding the logos of the organisations involved or in writing.

**Example:**

*This research was funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus Mundus Doctorate Programme, and also partially supported by the Volendam Institute of Technology.*

4. It is customary to add information regarding the ISBN number, copyright, ‘Printed by’ and cover design at the bottom of the reverse side.

## 3. The end result

<p><b>Sustainable concrete infrastructure design</b></p> <p>Dissertation</p> <p>for the purpose of obtaining the degree of doctor at Delft University of Technology by the authority of the Rector Magnificus, prof.dr.ir. T.H.J.J. van der Hagen, Chair of the Board for Doctorates to be defended publicly on Monday 4 June 2018 at 12:30 o'clock</p> <p>by</p> <p><b>Özlem GÜL</b> Diplom-Informatiker, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany born in Munich, Germany</p>	<p>This dissertation has been approved by the promotor.</p> <p>Composition of the doctoral committee:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Rector Magnificus,</td> <td>chairperson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prof.dr.ir. P.H.T. Verstappen</td> <td>Delft University of Technology, promotor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr.ir. P.D. Deneuve</td> <td>Delft University of Technology, copromotor</td> </tr> </table> <p>Independent members:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Prof.dr. J.P. Van de Ven</td> <td>Delft University of Technology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prof.dr. P.V. Apostolou</td> <td>National Technical University of Athens, Greece</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prof. Y. Ishihara</td> <td>Tokyo University, Japan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. P. Dijkstra</td> <td>Delft University of Technology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prof. P.M. Charlier</td> <td>Delft University of Technology, reserve member</td> </tr> </table> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>Keywords: concrete, atrophy, crumbling, self-healing concrete, micro fissures  Printed by: <a href="#">Lighthouse publishing inc.</a>  Cover by: <a href="#">Pietje Puk</a>  Copyright © 2018 by <a href="#">Özlem GÜL</a>  Casimir PhD series  ISBN 123.12.4567.678.9  An electronic copy of this dissertation is available at <a href="#">something somewhere repository</a></p>	Rector Magnificus,	chairperson	Prof.dr.ir. P.H.T. Verstappen	Delft University of Technology, promotor	Dr.ir. P.D. Deneuve	Delft University of Technology, copromotor	Prof.dr. J.P. Van de Ven	Delft University of Technology	Prof.dr. P.V. Apostolou	National Technical University of Athens, Greece	Prof. Y. Ishihara	Tokyo University, Japan	Dr. P. Dijkstra	Delft University of Technology	Prof. P.M. Charlier	Delft University of Technology, reserve member
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#### 4. Reverse side - dual degree defence

- **For candidates whose joint doctorate programme will result in a dual doctoral diploma from TU Delft and the partner institution(s);**
- **The reverse side must contain the standard formula mentioning both partners;**
- **The formula should be added below the committee members.**

##### **Example:**

This dissertation has been approved by the promotor(s).

Composition of the doctoral committee:

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Prof. P.M. Charlier	Delft University of Technology, reserve member

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