

# Graduate Education at OIST

- postgraduate only -



OIST

OKINAWA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE UNIVERSITY  
沖縄科学技術大学院大学







# Thomas Busch

- Professor in Quantum Mechanics at OIST since 2011
- PI at University College Cork in Ireland from 2006-2012
- PhD and post-doc positions in several universities and countries in Europe
- undergraduate degree in Germany
- since 2023 serving as the 3rd Dean of the Graduate School at OIST
- over 25 PhD students supervised to completion
- over 100 intern and project students supervised
- over 40 post-doctoral researchers supervised

# OIST PhD Program

## International University ↔ International and Diverse Student Body

- about 80% of students come from overseas (over 50 different nationalities)
- education delivered fully in English
- creation of international peer community

## Freedom of Research

- individually tailored curriculum for every student
- students choose their supervisors and devise their own thesis question
- highly individualised supervision; 3:1 student to faculty ratio

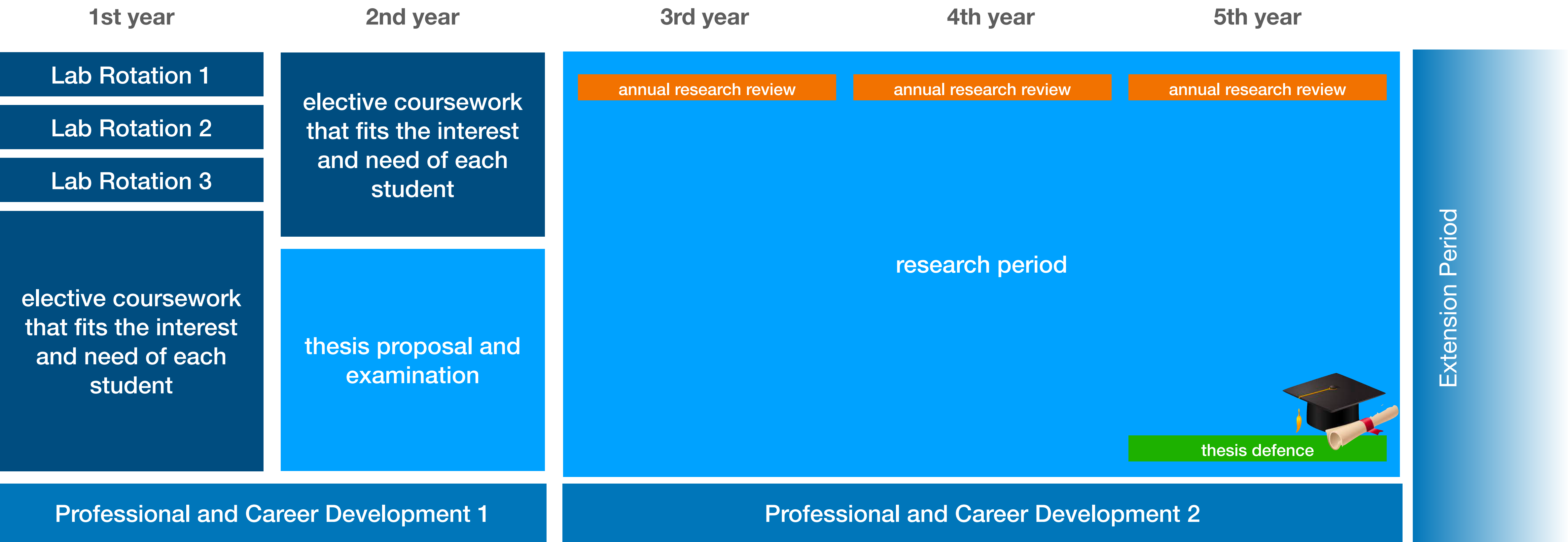
## Education to think beyond traditional fields

- emphasis on interdisciplinary research and education
- out-of-field courses and rotations
- advisors and mentors from different fields



# OIST PhD Program Overview

intake of MSc and BSc degree holders





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## Notable Points

- worldwide advertising, around 1500 applicants/year
- selected through paperwork assessment and admission workshop
- offer probability is <4%
- acceptance rate ~ 60%
  
- research assistantship - 3M JPY/year for 5 years; extensions possible
- subsidised student rate for in-campus housing
- travel support for domestic and international conferences
  
- family support - student rate childcare facility on campus
- relocation to Okinawa
- language classes available
- access to english speaking health centre