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**Medicinska Doktorandrådet**  
*Uppsala University*

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I am writing to apply for the positions of vice-chair, secretary, communications officer and representative to Doktorandnämnden.

I joined MDR one year ago as the representative from IGP. Since then, I have acted as a representative of MDR to Doktorandnämnden, where I joined the working group for prolongation. During my work on the aforementioned boards, I familiarized myself with the structure of the university's administration and decision-making organs as well as current issues affecting PhD students and the university as a whole. In particular, my work in the working group for prolongation included the creation of a university-wide survey which pointed out the reality of applying for prolongation as well as problems PhD students face with their application.

In addition, I assumed the role of head of the election committee for the 2021 DN elections. My tasks included summarizing available positions, creating the call for applications, collecting responses from applicants and scheduling interviews.

I am currently a board substitute at RFSL Uppsala, where I am responsible for communication with members. Current projects I am involved in include improvement of our student outreach and cooperation with the municipality.

I enjoy this kind of work and would like to continue my involvement in PhD-student representation. I want to support MDR with my skills and help PhD students at the medical faculty make their voices heard.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Daniel Schmitz**

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## Curriculum Vitæ

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Date of Birth May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1995

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## Education

- since 2019 **PhD student**, *Department of Immunology, Genetics and Pathology*, Research Group Åsa Johansson.
- 2017 – 2019 **M.Sc. Bioinformatics**, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and Technical University of Munich*, Grade: 1.5.  
Scale: 1.0 (best) – 4.0 (worst)
- 2013 – 2017 **B.Sc. Bioinformatics**, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and Technical University of Munich*, Grade: 1.6.
- 2005 – 2013 **Abitur**, *Friedrich-Schiller-Gymnasium Königs Wusterhausen*, Grade: 1.0.

## Practical Experience

### Vocational

- 2014 – 2019 **Software Developer/Student Employee**, *Center for Human Genetics and Laboratory Diagnostics*, Planegg.  
Assisted in performing genetic analyses in a diagnostic setting focusing on rare diseases and neurodevelopmental disorders and developed software improving their outcomes and lowering their costs.

### Voluntary

- since 2020 **Board Substitute**, *RFSL Uppsala*.
- 2020 **Head of Election Committee**, *Doktorandnämnden*.
- 2019 – 2020 **Working Group for Prolongation**, *Doktorandnämnden*.
- 2019 – 2020 **Representative to Doktorandnämnden**, *Medicinska Doktorandrådet*.
- since 2019 **Representative to Medicinska Doktorandrådet**, *IGP PhD Council*.
- 2017 – 2019 **Head of Membership Administration**, *Verein für Corpsstudentische Geschichtsforschung e.V.*  
Management of the membership database of a German society concerned with academic history counting 1,100 members.

## Languages

**German** Mothertongue  
**Swedish** Intermediate

**English** Fluent