

## Screening for duplicate text

All submitted doctoral theses will be screened for duplicate text before the dean's decision about appointing an assessment committee is taken and before the thesis is sent to the assessment committee. Screening is part of the faculty's work for ensuring high scientific standards and responsible conduct of research.

Immediately after submission the thesis will be sent to The National Library, Health Sciences, for screening. The text in the thesis will be compared to texts from relevant databases by the use of iThenticate.

The screening will take place within 3 business days, and a report will be returned to the Faculty.

A committee on duplicate text screening comprised of representatives from the departments will assess questionable duplicate text.

<b>Duplicate text is not found by iThenticate</b>	<b>Duplicate text is found by iThenticate</b>
A report is sent to the Faculty by The National Library, Health Sciences	A report with a remark of duplicate text is sent to the Faculty by The National Library (Health Sciences)
The doctoral thesis is ready for the appointed assessment committee	The doctoral thesis and the report is sent to the committee on duplicate text screening
	The duplicate text found by iThenticate is assessed by the committee
	If the committee on duplicate text screening finds that the duplicate text does not indicate plagiarism, the doctoral thesis is ready for the appointed assessment committee
	If the committee finds that the duplicate text is questionable, the committee sends a statement to the Faculty, which will be forwarded to the doctoral candidate. In continuation hereof the date of the defence might be postponed. Depending of the type and extent of duplicate text the administration might forward a recommendation for decision to the relevant head of department. The head of

	department may confer her/his decision with the dean.
	The consequence for the doctoral candidate depends on the type and extent of duplicate text

For information on how to avoid duplicate text, please visit the website of The Office of Research Integrity:

<http://www.au.dk/en/research/responsible-conduct-of-research/>

For questions regarding the screening for duplicate text, please contact the Graduate School of Health

For questions regarding duplicate text and the work of the committee on duplicate text screening please contact the chairman of the committee Professor Peter Hokland: [phokland@clin.au.dk](mailto:phokland@clin.au.dk)