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Based on article 8.2 of the Ph.D. studies regulations:

“Candidates who have successfully passed the first selection stage shall be invited to attend an interview in the presence of the professor responsible for the position together with a second professor, preferably a member of the Graduates Studies Committee. The interview may be held by tele-conference. After the interview, a written decision shall be sent to the candidate”.

the report of the interview is part of the documents necessary for the application to the Ph.D. programme.

The report shall be in written by the second professor of the Faculty. The second professor is selected by the professor responsible for the position, who also organizes and attends as well at the interview.

The report shall be sent via email directly by the second professor to the Ph.D. programme office (gestione-dottorato.com@usi.ch).

The report should present and summarize on:

- the CV and credentials of the candidate, as discussed during the interview;
- the quality of the research proposal and its relevance for the study programme, as read in the preliminary outline of the research project and discussed during the interview;
- the expected participation of the candidate to doctoral activities and the Faculty/University life, as discussed during the interview.

Importantly, at the end of the report, the second professor should indicate any element to which the Doctoral College should pay particular attention when evaluating the application. The Graduate Studies Committee evaluates the report as part of the full dossier for the application to the programme, so to express its opinion to the Faculty Council (ex art. 8.4 of the Ph.D. Studies Regulations), reserving the possibility of interacting in advance with the candidate and the professor responsible for the position in case of controversial situations.