

Agreement on Doctorate Supervision

between the doctoral student

Name:

Address:

and the doctoral supervisors

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Group/Institution:

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§1 Topic of the doctoral research project and aspired doctoral degree

The aforementioned doctoral student starts a doctoral research project on the topic:

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Start date of doctoral studies: (DD/MM/YYYY)

Aspired doctoral degree: Dr. rer. nat..... PhD

§2 Duration of the doctoral studies and research project

The supervisors affirm that the project specified above is designed such that the research project, the doctoral course program and the writing of the thesis can be completed within the standard period of studies of

- 3 years if directly admitted to the research course of doctorate studies
- 4 years if admitted to doctorate studies with a one-year preparatory course

in accordance with §4.5 of the regulations for the doctoral study course.

§3 Duties of the supervisors

The supervisors commit to scientific guidance until completion of the doctoral research project. They will regularly meet with the doctoral student to discuss the progress of the project and the adherence to the time and work schedule. They support the scientific independence of the doctoral student and foster his integration into the scientific community. They provide advice how to present the results of the research project on conferences and in publications.

Both supervisors commit with their signatures below to support the doctorate board in the evaluation of the thesis. In particular they agree to provide a report on the thesis on request of the doctorate board.

§4 Duties of the doctoral students

The doctoral students commit themselves

- to regularly inform (on their own initiative) both supervisors about the progress of the research project and the doctoral studies
- to complete - in their own responsibility - the courses and activities required by the doctoral study program in accordance with the regulations for the doctoral study course.
- to adhere to the doctoral study and examination regulations,
- to strive to follow the time and work schedule.

§5 Workplace and work equipment

The resources needed for the successful realization of the research project, in particular workplace, access to laboratories and equipment, access to scientific instruments or computer resources will be provided by:

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§6 Compliance with the rules for good scientific practice

The doctoral student and the supervisors commit themselves to adhere to the standards for safeguarding good scientific practice in accordance with the guidelines of the Ruhr-University Bochum (available at <http://www.uv.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/dezernat1/amtliche/ab904.pdf>) and the guidelines of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft which can be downloaded from

http://www.dfg.de/download/pdf/dfg_im_profil/reden_stellungnahmen/download/empfehlung_wiss_praxis_1310.pdf.

§7 Mediation of conflicts, termination of the supervision relationship

In case of conflicts between the doctoral students and a supervisor both parties can contact the doctorate board or its members. They will provide advice and try to mediate the conflict. In addition, doctoral students can contact the ombuds person of the RUB Research School (see <http://www.research-school.rub.de/ombudsperson.html>) and supervisors can contact the ombuds person of the Ruhr University (see <http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/forschung/wissenschaftsleitlinien>).

If the supervision relationship is irretrievably broken or if there are other important reasons the doctorate board can - on request of the doctoral student or a supervisor - appoint a new suitable supervisor. If this is not possible the supervision relationship will only terminate with the completion of the doctorate examination or the termination of the doctorate studies. The doctorate board shall be informed if the doctorate studies are terminated.

§8 Reconciliation of family life and doctorate studies

The reconciliation of family life and scientific research work is especially supported. Information about possible measures to assist doctoral students in this respect can be obtained from the members of "Chancen Chemie" (see <http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/chancen-chemie/Index.html>).

§9 Exposé

The doctoral student commits to prepare an exposé by ----- (DD/MM/YYYY) (up to 3 months after the start of the doctoral programme) in consultation with his/her supervisor, specifying the central research question and the current state of research methods and literature.

The exposé shouldn't comprise of more than 2-3 pages and has to be submitted to the GSCB in due time.

§10 Progress report and time schedule

Within the first year of the research course program the doctoral student commits to prepare a written progress report (10-15 pages) about the state of the research project and a work and time schedule for its progression. The preliminary results of the research and the schedule for the progression of the project have to be presented to an informed audience in the presence of both supervisors. After the presentation both supervisors will talk with the doctoral student and give him feedback on strong and weak points of the current state of the doctorate studies, the research project and the work and time schedule for its progression. Minutes with the results of this discussion have to be handed in to the doctorate board.

Latest date for the presentation:(DD,MM,YYYY)

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Place, Date

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signature of doctoral student

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signature supervisor

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signature supervisor