



Promotionsvereinbarung

Supervision Agreement for Doctoral Candidates

Graduate Training Centre of Neuroscience University of Tübingen

The State Higher Education Act (*Landeshochschulgesetz*) stipulates in § 38, clause 5 that for all doctoral procedures a supervision agreement (*Promotionsvereinbarung*) between the doctoral student and the supervisor has to be issued. This requirement is also implemented in § 4, clause 1d of the interfaculty doctoral regulations of the Graduate Training Centre of Neuroscience (GTC).

The following is agreed upon between

the doctoral candidate

and his/her supervisor

§ 1 Doctoral Thesis and Timetable

The doctoral candidate will report regularly on the status and progress of the doctoral project to his/her supervisor in the context of his/her annual Advisory Board meetings (* according to § 5, clause 5). The candidate will provide an updated timeline for his/her study as well as an updated work progress plan. These meetings are to be documented in writing and reported to the GTC.

A shorter interval between reports may be agreed upon in order to meet the needs of the doctoral project and/or the candidate's personal circumstances.

§ 2 Study Program

The doctoral candidate is obliged to obtain supplementary qualifications during his/her doctoral training phase (detailed in § 5, clauses 1-4). The Advisory Board members may give recommendations to the doctoral student about the courses he/she should take in order to compensate for potential lacks in neuroscientific topics.

In total, the doctoral candidate has to accomplish courses in the amount of 18 ECTS credit points. The types of courses to be taken should be geared to the 'Core Curriculum' of the GTC's doctoral program (published on the GTC website and in the 'Guidelines for Doctoral Students').

* In the following, the cited §§ refer to the interfaculty doctoral regulations of the Graduate Training Centre of Neuroscience: *Promotionsordnung der Universität Tübingen für das interfacultäre Fach Neurowissenschaften, Amtliche Bekanntmachungen der Universität Tübingen 2015, Nr. 12, 431-445*. An English translation is available as download under <http://www.neuroschoo-uebingen.de/doctoral/downloads/>



§ 3 Observing Rules of Good Scientific Practice

The doctoral candidate and the supervisor mutually agree to observe the rules of good scientific practice according to the resolution passed on May 25, 2000 by the Senate of Tübingen University (*'Richtlinien zur Sicherung guter wissenschaftlicher Praxis und zum Umgang mit wissenschaftlichem Fehlverhalten an der Eberhard-Karls-Universität'*: <http://www.mnf.uni-tuebingen.de/promotionhabil/promotion.html>).

Rules of good scientific practice have also been published by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and can be viewed under: http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/principles_dfg_funding/good_scientific_practice/

§ 4 Regulations for Solving Disputes

In case of disputes between the doctoral candidate and the supervisor, the Advisory Board should be involved in the first instance to solve the problem. In case this attempt is not effective, the parties may seek support from an ombudsperson (according to § 2, clause 6). Both, the ombudsperson of the Medical Faculty or the Science Faculty can be engaged.

§ 5 Assessment Period Following Submission of Thesis

The supervisor / thesis reviewers will obey the mandated 2-months assessment period after the doctoral thesis has been submitted (according to § 11, clause 1). In case a third review is required (e.g., in *summa cum laude*-procedures), the assessment period may extend for another 2 months.

§ 6 Copies of this Agreement

The original signed copy of this Supervision Agreement will be retained in the office of the Graduate Training Centre of Neuroscience. Both, the doctoral candidate and the supervisor will be provided a copy of the signed document for their files.

Date

Signature doctoral candidate

Signature (*primary*) supervisor