

Ph.D. Supervision Agreement

According to the Ph.D. regulations of the Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology as of June 15, 2023 and within the framework of the intended Ph.D. work to be carried out at the International Graduate School of Biosciences the following agreements as stated below are being met

between _____(Ph.D. student)

and _____(Ph.D. thesis supervisor)

and _____(Ph.D. thesis co-supervisor)¹⁾

Thesis Title:

Ph.D. work start [date]: _____

1) Work Place and Means of Work

The resources required for successful Ph.D. work (such as work place and necessary means of work) will be provided for the Ph.D. student by the following as given below:

¹⁾ The choice and commitment of the co-supervisor might be effected until the registration for the defense of the Ph.D. project.

2) Supervision and structured Ph.D. work

- a) The Ph.D. student is bind to inform both supervisors on regular basis and on basis of self-content on the progress of his/her Ph.D. work. The supervisors are committing themselves to regular consulting, until the Ph.D. work in question is fully completed. The Ph.D. student and first supervisor are committed to regular exchange on the progress of Ph.D. work. The exchange is to be carried out at least on quarterly basis.
- b) The framework of supervision is independent of employment relationship with Ruhr-Universität Bochum or of any other Ph.D. funding.
- c) The Ph.D. student is having sole responsibility to successfully complete all the necessary courses as mandated within the framework of Ph.D. studies according to § 8 (1) point 5 of the Ph.D. regulations as of June 15, 2023.

3) Due Diligence in Academic Work and Research and Talent Support

- a) The Ph.D. student and the supervisors commit themselves to being compliant with the guidelines of Due Diligence in Academic Work at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (<https://public.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ab/Lists/ab/Attachments/1840/ab1490.pdf>).
- b) Within the deadline of a calendar year, after having successfully passed the defense of the Ph.D. thesis proposal, the Ph.D. students informs both supervisors on the progress of his/her Ph.D. project and draws and determines the time schedule for further Ph.D. proceedings. The Ph.D. co-supervisor provides a written confirmation that he/she has no objections to the further Ph.D. proceedings.
- c) The Ph.D. student secures and retains all the materials and primary data as well as the entire essential and underlying methodological details and metadata as acquired during Ph.D. work. Having reviewed and inspected the correctness of this data mentioned above, the Ph.D. student provides the first supervisor with all this data, exhaustively recorded and in comprehensible form. Being the basis for publications, these data are to be kept at the institution of origin, on the durable and secured media, within the time framework as postulated by law, but no less than 10 years.
- d) The supervisors and the faculty enhance the scientific autarchy and self-reliance of the Ph.D. student within the bounds of possibility, including such instances as
 - i) supporting the participation in further education courses, conferences, special doctorate programmes, graduate schools, research schools as well as in the specialized events organised by professional associations,
 - ii) supporting self-organised cooperation of the Ph.D. student with other Ph.D. students, researchers and scientific community, networking, etc.,
 - iii) granting the freedom of publishing of the acquired results of research work. The publication is possible only with the approval of the first supervisor.

4) The authors of scientific publications carry responsibility for the publications jointly and at all time. A person is regarded as an author, solely having provided a substantial contribution to the academic publication. Generally, the Ph.D. student will be the prime author in case he or she has generated the data and has significantly contributed to the publication in question.

5) Withdrawal from Ph.D. studies

In case of withdrawal from the Ph.D. studies, the chairperson of Ph.D. examination board is to be informed via dean's office.

6) Abstract

The abstract corresponding to the Ph.D. project (one page maximum, signed by both supervisors) is enclosed
will be provided upon the registration for the defense of the Ph.D. project

7) All parties involved are responsible for the abidance by Ph.D. regulations

8) Further agreements:

Date, signature of Ph.D. student

Date, signature of supervisor

Date, signature of co-supervisor