

Doctoral Agreement at Faculty 5 - Geosciences

The doctoral candidate _____
and his/her supervisor _____

jointly reach the following agreement on the objectives, performances and procedures of the doctoral project, which applies independently of the funding and is valid until the project's completion.

A doctoral committee is to be set up to accompany the doctorate (yes/no): _____

The following persons have already confirmed their participation in this doctoral committee:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

§ 1 Doctoral thesis topic

Starting from _____, the doctoral candidate will be working on a dissertation about the topic:

A cumulative, publication-based dissertation is envisaged (yes/no): _____

Any necessary changes to the dissertation topic during the working process shall be made by mutual agreement, shall be documented in written form, and shall not extend the time schedule.

§ 2 Time schedule

A project outline for the doctoral study with time and work schedule was drawn up on _____.

A realization time of three years is generally assumed necessary before submission of a dissertation.

A divergent time span of _____ years for realization has been agreed on, and is justified as follows:

An application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate at the Department of Geosciences should be submitted to the Doctoral Examination Board within 3-6 months, at the latest one year after the start of the doctoral project. This acceptance entitles the applicant to enroll in the doctoral program at the University of Bremen and to submit and have examined a dissertation within the following five years. The rules and regulations for doctoral studies are those valid at the time of acceptance.

§ 3 Tasks and duties of the doctoral candidate

- (1) The doctoral candidate commits to carrying out independent, goal-oriented, self-critical research work on the agreed topic and to adhering to the schedule and work plan.
- (2) The doctoral candidate knows and respects the laboratory and safety regulations applicable at the workplace and complies with the agreed periods of use of the laboratory facilities.
- (3) The doctoral candidate commits to properly documenting all conducted work and obtained results. In particular, he/she shall ensure that all generated analogue and digital data and program codes are archived in a traceable and secure manner.
- (4) The doctoral candidate commits to reporting regularly to the supervisor on the work progress and partial results of the doctoral project and to present in advance to the supervisor all manuscripts and abstracts intended for submission.

§ 4 Tasks and duties of the supervisor

- (1) The supervisor commits to providing the doctoral candidate regularly with required expert advice and takes part in status meetings discussing the progress of the work and compliance with the time schedule at least every 6 months.
- (2) The supervisor actively supports the doctoral candidate with regard to good integration in his/her working group, scientific independence and career development.

§ 5 Compliance with good scientific practice

The doctoral candidate and the supervisor shall rigorously adhere to the principles of good scientific practice in accordance with the ethics guidelines of all the institutions involved. The candidate's participation in advanced training courses on good scientific practice and research data management is mandatory.

§ 6 Participation in graduate programs (optional)

The doctoral candidate is/will become a member of the Graduate School / Research Training School / Promotion Center _____ and actively participates in its study programs.

§ 7 Working conditions of the doctoral candidate

The doctoral candidate is guaranteed the necessary and appropriate working conditions to realize the doctoral project. The following resources (laboratory access, equipment, materials) will be made available free of charge: _____

§ 8 Funding of the doctoral project

The work on the dissertation is financially supported by
an academic employment

TVL-contract type: _____ funded by: _____ duration: _____
a doctoral scholarship funded by: _____ duration: _____

The terms and conditions of the grant or scholarship and the resulting contractual obligations remain unaffected by this doctoral agreement and must not conflict with it. In many but not all cases, an extension of project financing for childcare periods or longer phases of illness can be arranged. The supervisor advises and supports in such cases.

§ 9 Conflict resolution, substitution and cancellation of the supervision relationship

For factual and personal conflicts that do not appear to be amicably solvable to the parties involved, a mediation by the dean or a mutually accepted, independent person is solicited. If there are indications of possible violations of good scientific practice, the responsible ombudsperson of the university is to be consulted. The personal supervision relationship can only be cancelled by the supervisor for serious reasons and with the approval of the Doctoral Examination Board. If the doctoral candidate is not responsible for the reasons for cancellation of his/her supervision relationship, he/she will be supported by the faculty in the search for a suitable substitute supervisor. Any interruption or termination of the doctoral project on the part of the doctoral candidate requires a written, irrevocable declaration.

Place, date:

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Doctoral candidate:

Supervisor: