

Supervision Agreement

Supervision agreement for a dissertation project within the scope of the Diesel Medal Postgraduate Programme

Research area for the doctorate: _____

This agreement is based on the planning horizon foreseeable at the current point in time. It can and should be updated at any time with regard to the progress made on the research question and the individual qualification elements and milestones of the doctorate. Any updates must be made by mutual agreement between the supervisor and the doctoral candidate.

Ms / Mr _____ (doctoral candidate)

Date of birth _____

and

Ms / Mr _____ (supervisor)

hereby conclude the following agreement:

The mentor¹ for the dissertation project is: _____¹

1. Content and proposal for the dissertation project

The doctoral candidate proposes to write a doctoral thesis on the **following topic**:

- A proposal of _____ (date) is enclosed.
- A proposal is not yet available at the time of registration as a doctoral candidate but will be submitted within 3 months, i.e. by _____ (date), at the latest.

For tips on preparing a proposal, see also *Factsheet – Research Proposal*.

¹ All mentors must have a doctoral degree. It is permissible but by no means mandatory for mentors to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Diesel Medal (*Dieselkuratorium*).



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2. Schedule

- 2.1 The provisional completion time for the dissertation project is _____ years.
- 2.2 This estimate is based on the enclosed proposal and the included work/time schedules.
- 2.3 The doctoral candidate undertakes to provide the supervisor with detailed reports about the progress of their work. The supervisor undertakes to make time for discussing the doctoral candidate's work and to promote top-quality outcomes through advice and discussion.
- 2.4 A feedback session on this dissertation project, during which a decision on the continuation of the project will be reached, shall be held no later than two years after this agreement has entered into force.

3. Elements of the dissertation project

- 3.1 The doctoral candidate undertakes to present their dissertation topic at public events upon the supervisor's advice.
- 3.2 The doctoral candidate undertakes to complete any necessary training measures upon the supervisor's advice.
- 3.3 The doctoral candidate will have access to the library of the Steinbeis Transfer Institute for Intellectual Property Management.
- 3.4 The research results must be made available for discussion to the international scientific community, and documented in the form of original publications and conference papers.

4. Good scientific practice

The parties to this agreement undertake to adhere to good scientific practice standards (see [www.forum-dieselmedaille.de/graduierntenkolleg-assistenzpromotion/\[ST1\]](http://www.forum-dieselmedaille.de/graduierntenkolleg-assistenzpromotion/[ST1])). The doctoral candidate is aware of the fact that work previously submitted by them for assessment purposes is not acceptable for submission as a doctoral dissertation.



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5. Severability clause

Should individual provisions of this agreement be invalid in whole or in part, the validity of this agreement as a whole shall remain unaffected.

_____, on _____
(Place, date)

_____, on _____

Doctoral candidate

Supervisor

Acknowledgement

_____, on _____
(Place, date)

_____, on _____

Mentor

Supervisor

The original version of this Supervision Agreement must be presented upon submission of the application for the doctorate.

The supervisor, the mentor and the doctoral candidate should each retain a photocopy.