

Attachment to the supervision agreement Supplementary agreement for a doctorate in cooperation with the private sector (industry-sponsored doctorate)

– Preamble –

Within the framework of a doctorate in cooperation with businesses at TU Dresden, early-career researchers qualify for employment in academia and the private sector. The doctorate constitutes an independent achievement in research that is accompanied and supervised by experienced researchers. TU Dresden holds the responsibility for the doctorate proceedings. The terms of the proceedings are stipulated in the current doctorate regulations of the respective Faculty. As for doctorates in cooperation with businesses, TU Dresden, the participating company, and the doctoral candidate bear collective responsibility for the doctorate.

The following agreement supplements the supervision agreement and ensures a clearly defined scope of action for all parties involved. Furthermore, this attachment should serve as a guideline for the responsible Faculty or for the Doctoral Board (Promotionsausschuss) of the Faculty, which decides on the admission of the doctoral candidate.

– Persons concerned –

The agreement is concluded between the

Doctoral candidate: _____
Primary Supervisor¹: _____
Mentor²: _____
Superior: _____

¹ University Professor or researcher with qualifications equivalent to a habilitation at TU Dresden.

² Usually an academically qualified contact person within the company.

The aforementioned persons hereby confirm that they have acknowledged and agree to the following guidelines as well as to the tasks and obligations of the parties involved, and agree to their implementation within the framework of this agreement.

1. Objectives for the doctorate and selection of the research topic

The objective of the doctorate is the completion of an independent academic achievement. The specific research topic of the doctorate must be selected in consultation with the primary supervisor at the university in order to ensure that the chosen topic satisfies the academic requirements of a doctorate and is in line with the specialist area of the primary supervisor. A predefinition of the dissertation topic by the company is inadmissible.

The topic of the doctorate:

_____ was agreed in advance with the supervisor at the university and is of appropriate academic standard.

participation in teaching

acquisition of (extracurricular) specialist qualifications and soft/transferable skills

other: _____

Planned scope and further agreements:

_____ day(s) per semester

_____ day(s) per year

further agreements (e.g. reimbursement of travel expenses):

3. Provisions for publication and utilisation

1. As the author of the dissertation, the doctoral candidate is entitled to the intellectual property rights for his or her dissertation. All data, sources and methods, which the dissertation is based on, must be accessible and verifiable.
2. The doctoral candidate and the primary supervisor are committed to the Statutes for Ensuring Good Scientific Practice, Avoiding Scientific Misconduct, and Handling Violations of TU Dresden and regulations for dealing with scientific misconduct. The principles are known to the mentor and are to be respected by the company.
3. The **publication of the dissertation** as scientific qualification work is stipulated by examination proceedings and must take place within the period specified in the respective doctoral regulations³.
4. All participants agree that the presentation and discussion of (interim) results to an expert audience is a fundamental part of scientific work. Therefore, research results should be presented in a suitable form (articles in scientific journals and conference publications with quality assurance, patents) before completing the dissertation. In all publications produced in the course of the dissertation, the doctoral candidate must always mention his:her affiliation to TU Dresden.

Confidentiality due to possible commercial use can only take place over a short, predetermined period of time. An agreement was reached on this:

Yes, with a contract/agreement dating _____

No, confidentiality is not required.

5. The handling of the intellectual property rights arising within the context of the dissertation has been contractually stipulated before starting the dissertation:

Yes, with a contract/agreement dating _____

No, there is no need for such a regulation.

Further arrangements/agreements:

³ In exceptional cases that are to be separately justified (e.g. ongoing application for intellectual property rights), the Doctoral Board may allow a longer period of confidentiality at the doctoral candidate's request.

– Signatures –

_____, the _____

_____, the _____

Signature of the Doctoral Candidate

Signature of the Primary Supervisor

_____, the _____

_____, the _____

Signature of the Co-Supervisor

Signature of the Mentor

_____, the _____

Signature of the superior at the company