

# Supervision Agreement

The purpose of the doctoral supervision agreement is to ensure the continued support and guidance of the doctoral candidate and to ensure that the requirements of all parties are mutually agreed. The supervision agreement does not create any enforceable legal position.

## 1 Declaration

Ms / Mr / --\*) \_\_\_\_\_, doctoral candidate (DC) at the

\_\_\_\_\_ [institute],

Prof/PD Dr \_\_\_\_\_, advisor

agree to form a Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC), which will be in place for as long as the doctoral candidate is a member of the Bonn-Cologne Graduate School of Physics and Astronomy. The doctoral candidate submits the signed supervision agreement to the GS office as instructed within the first 3 months of the research project.

TAC members beside the above-mentioned are: \_\_\_\_\_

The DC has applied to be accepted as a doctoral candidate in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject) at the Doctoral Office of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNF) and will be enrolled at the UoC for the duration of his/her/their doctoral studies.

If a member of the TAC leaves before the submission of the dissertation, the advisor (or the responsible office in the faculty) shall ensure that appropriate supervision continues to be guaranteed.

The rules of the graduate school must be adhered to at all times.

## 2 Thesis subject and preliminary schedule

a. The working title of the thesis is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Research project schedule

Start: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_ Planned end [month/year]: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

A comprehensive time schedule is due as part of the first TAC meeting.

## 3 Working conditions and funding

In addition to access to relevant scientific literature and research material, the following resources will be made available to the doctoral student (tick and complete as required):

[ ] workstation/desk; [ ] PC; [ ] laboratory access, [ ] equipment and [ ] data storage (according to FAIR principles), [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

The DC and the advisor will talk about a prolongation of the funding for the DC latest one year before the current funding is ending, i.e. \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

It is advisable to discuss mutual expectations before starting work. This could be done in the form of an induction conversation ([preparatory conversation mnf-bcgs-cologne.pdf](#)).

## 4 Duties of advisor and doctoral candidate

**The advisor** supports and advises the candidate in his/her/their independent research activities, especially by:

- introducing him/her/them in the research subject and the relevant scientific environment;
- discussing and assessing hypotheses and methods;
- discussing results and their interpretation on a regular basis;
- facilitating his/her/their participation in scientific conferences as far as allowed by financial constraints.

**The doctoral candidate** shall enable and take advantage of the support provided by the advisor through concentrated work on his/her/their project and by keeping the TAC informed of progress and emerging problems as and when appropriate. The doctoral candidate usually submits partial results and original data of the dissertation to the advisor at least every 6 months. The training within the doctoral program furthermore includes tasks such as learning, applying, and developing methods in research and teaching, as well as preparing scientific papers

## 5 Work/Life balance

We care together for work/life balance. The compatibility of family and academic work is supported. Special measures are agreed as required.

## 6 Arrangements in case of conflict

Should factual or personal differences of opinion occur that would hamper a future trusting, constructive and purposeful cooperation, any of those involved in this agreement can individually or jointly, seek the help of a member of the BCGS Steering Committee. When necessary, they can refer cases for arbitration to an ombudsperson at the UoC or an independent mediator.

In the event that the doctoral candidate wishes to withdraw from his/her/their doctoral project, he/she/they may terminate the supervisory relationship at any time without giving reasons. The supervisory relationship can also be terminated at any time by mutual agreement.

The advisor may only terminate the supervision agreement unilaterally for a valid reason. In this case, the Faculty's Doctoral Committee will check whether an alternative appropriate supervisor can be found.

The Doctoral office of the faculty must be notified of the cancellation of the supervision agreement.

The doctoral regulations (*Promotionsordnung*) must be adhered to at all times. This document does not replace any agreement between the doctoral candidate and the MNF or the UoC.

Cologne, \_\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_

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Doctoral candidate

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Advisor