

## GRK1721 Supervision Agreement

The supervision agreement is concluded between the following persons:

..... (Doctoral student)

..... (Primary supervisor, 1<sup>st</sup> TAC member)

..... (2<sup>nd</sup> TAC member)

..... (3<sup>rd</sup> TAC member)

The doctoral student is intending to write a dissertation with the working title:

.....

at the ..... [Faculty, Institute].

The planned period in which the dissertation is to be completed:

from ..... (start of the dissertation) to .....

(expected completion date).

(1) In consultation with the primary supervisor, the doctoral student draws up a work schedule and timetable. He/she undertakes to inform the supervisor promptly of any significant changes to the schedule.

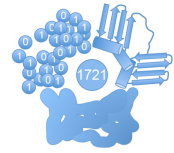
(2) Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)

At least every 12 months the doctoral student reports on the progress of his/her work in a Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC consists of at least 3 advisors with doctoral degree and will assist the doctoral student through his/her doctoral thesis work and follow his/her progress. At least two TAC members should be project leaders of the GRK1721. In addition members of the TAC could be also:

- other research group leaders of the GRK1721 with complementary expertise
- postdoc who knows the project,

The TAC meeting is invited by the doctoral candidate and provided with a short progress report prior to the meeting. The following topics should be addressed:

- Quality of the proposal, feasibility of the suggested project
- General progress of the project
- Direction of the ongoing project, troubleshooting and alternative paths
- Presentations (conference) and publications (if, what journal, when)
- Finishing the doctoral thesis



The TAC meeting should also serve as a platform for both primary advisor and doctoral student to confidentially discuss potential conflicts.

The doctoral student takes brief and informative minutes of the TAC meeting (approx. one page in length). These minutes are countersigned by all parties and distributed to all the supervisors.

**(3) Credit System**

Over the course of studies, the doctoral student acquires 30 credit points for curricular activities. One credit point is equivalent to one ECTS credit and corresponds to approx. 30 h workload, including preparation time.<sup>1</sup>

**(4) Time frame**

The doctoral thesis should be completed within 3-4 years.

(5) The primary supervisor will be responsible for providing the project, all necessary resources and day-to-day advice to the candidate.

**(6) The doctoral candidate**

- is expected to develop an attitude of actively pursuing his/her research goals and keeping up with current literature of the research topic.
- should aim for at least one first author paper derived from the thesis work.
- should participate in a workshop or international meeting with data presentation (talk or poster) at least once during their graduate work.
- should learn to address a scientific problem and to independently perform experiments

(7) The undersigned undertake to adhere to the principles of good academic practice as specified in [http://www.uni-muenchen.de/einrichtungen/zuv/uebersicht/dez\\_i/hochschulr/lmu/richtlinien/Wiss-Fehlverhalten-r00.pdf](http://www.uni-muenchen.de/einrichtungen/zuv/uebersicht/dez_i/hochschulr/lmu/richtlinien/Wiss-Fehlverhalten-r00.pdf).<sup>2</sup>

## Date and signatures

..... (Date, Doctoral student)

..... (Date, Primary supervisor, 1<sup>st</sup> TAC member)

..... (Date, 2<sup>nd</sup> TAC member)

..... (Date, 3<sup>rd</sup> TAC member)

<sup>1</sup> Description of the credit system: <http://www.grk1721.genzentrum.lmu.de/credit-system>

<sup>2</sup> The guidelines that apply to the LMU can be downloaded at the following address:  
[http://www.uni-muenchen.de/einrichtungen/zuv/uebersicht/dez\\_i/hochschulr/lmu/richtlinien/Wiss-Fehlverhalten-r00.pdf](http://www.uni-muenchen.de/einrichtungen/zuv/uebersicht/dez_i/hochschulr/lmu/richtlinien/Wiss-Fehlverhalten-r00.pdf)