

## Basis for discussion in the introduction of newly admitted doctoral students

Name: .....

Date: .....

The aim of this document is to identify any areas of divergence in the expectations of the doctoral student and the supervisor with regard to research studies. It consists of a survey to be completed separately by both the doctoral student and the supervisors, with the specific doctoral student/research project in mind. Once the survey has been completed, the supervisors and the doctoral student meet to compare their answers, using the survey as a basis for a more in-depth discussion, chiefly of their differences but also of the similarities in their expectations. Differences should be resolved since they might create later disagreements.

Depending on which stage of the studies the doctoral students find themselves in, not all questions will be equally relevant and should therefore be adjusted accordingly.

### Instructions

Circle the option that best corresponds to HOW YOU THINK THINGS SHOULD BE. The figures in between the two extremes indicate elements of both factors. For example, if you find both ends of the scale equally correct/important, circle the option in the middle.

### General

*My view of doctoral studies as a whole:*

1	2	3	4	5
Employment				Education

*The objective of doctoral studies:*

1	2	3	4	5
To write a thesis				To become an independent researcher

*Indicate some other important objectives of research studies:*

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### Supervision

*What form should supervision mainly take?*

1	2	3	4	5
Spontaneous discussions				Pre-arranged/scheduled meetings





*Who applies for funding for travel to conferences, workshops, etc.?*

- The first author
- The supervisor
- The doctoral student
- Don't know
- Other:

### **The Workplace**

*Access to a personal computer/telephone/fax etc.:*

1	2	3	4	5
Should be ready at the workplace				Arranged by the doctoral student him/herself

*Work may be carried out elsewhere for certain periods (fieldwork, other study location, etc.):*

1	2	3	4	5
Likely/desirable				Unlikely/undesirable

### **Working Hours and Leave**

*Working hours:*

1	2	3	4	5
Strict working hours				Flexible working hours

*Working from...*

1	2	3	4	5
Home only				Office only

*Annual leave:*

1	2	3	4	5
Set leave (taken mainly in July)				Leave taken freely

*Working longer than normal working hours:*

1	2	3	4	5
Right				Wrong

### **Courses**

*Who decides which courses the doctoral student takes?*

1	2	3	4	5
The supervisor				The doctoral student

*The courses to be chosen:*

1	2	3	4	5
Narrowly within the area of research				Broadly within the entire subject area



