



Questionary for entry into doctoral supervision

In order to reflect on and clarify essential points of doctoral supervision the following questionary might be helpful (in preparation) for the preliminary discussion between a doctoral supervisor / team of supervisors and a future doctoral student:

1. **Which possibilities can be realised to fund the doctoral student during their doctoral studies?**
 - Offer from the supervisor/ the team of supervisors
 - Wishes / expectations of the doctoral student
 - Wishes / expectations of the supervisor / supervisory team
2. **Is there suitable agreement on...**
 - how close the supervisor/team of supervisors is to the topic of the doctoral work?
 - the organisational framework for the doctoral project (individual doctoral work or doctoral study in a structured doctoral programme, e.g. graduate college/graduate school)
 - the ideas regarding the time needed for the doctoral work?
 - the ideas regarding the scope of the doctoral project?
 - the Rules of Good Scientific Practice to be adhered to by both sides?
<https://www.naturwissenschaften.uni-hannover.de/en/research/doctoral-studies/doctoral-procedure/>
3. **Do the resources in terms of time, accommodation and equipment and research funds exist for appropriate supervision and are they available?**
4. **Which career objectives are being pursued with the doctoral thesis?**
 - Academic career
 - Career in the non-academic field
5. **How is the communication in the supervisory relationship arranged?**
 - Personal meetings / email exchanges / telephone etc.
 - For teams of supervisors: explain the different responsibilities to the doctoral student, who is the primary contact ("main supervisor")?
6. **How are supervisory situations to be prepared and followed up?**
 - Necessary: time and work schedule with specification of milestones
 - Progress reports
 - Make texts, working documents available
 - Document the results
7. **How often should meetings with the supervisor(s) take place to discuss the status and concept of the research work? (Recommended are at least two meetings per year.)**
8. **Finally, clarify for both parties: Was a supervisory relationship agreed?**
 - **If yes:** As the supervisor you should always point out that the person interested in doctoral study must apply to the faculty to be accepted as a doctoral student before starting their practical work on the doctoral thesis, and they should also register as doctoral students.
 - **Please obtain all application documents of the faculty here:**
<https://www.naturwissenschaften.uni-hannover.de/en/research/doctoral-studies/doctoral-procedure/> (see there step 2 or step 3)
 - **Joint Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Natural Sciences (Dr. rer. nat.) and Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Horticultural Sciences (Dr. rer. hort.):**
<https://www.naturwissenschaften.uni-hannover.de/en/research/doctoral-studies/doctoral-procedure/>