

Research Training and Teaching in Part II of the PThU Graduate School

Benno van den Toren, Head of Graduate School, version 1 February 2022

Introduction

Regarding Part II of the Graduate School (Part I being the Initial Graduate School), the PhD Regulations adopted on 15/10/2020, and in effect as of 1/1/2021, state, "The PhD candidate and their supervisor discuss the content of the training, which is then set down in the training and supervision plan. After unconditional admission to PhD studies, the training is worth at least 15 ECTS." (Article 7a.1 paragraph 1) This document proposes how the program will be filled out and registered.

Relevant Articles in the Doctoral Regulations

Article 7a.1 – The scope and content of the training

1. The PhD candidate and the supervisor discuss the content of the training, which is then set down in the training and supervision plan. After unconditional admission to PhD studies, the training is worth at least 15 ECTS.

...

4. After receiving unconditional admission to PhD studies, the PhD candidate will be registered in the research school that is relevant for the research.

5. The Executive Board is responsible for providing an adequate range of sufficiently high-quality training, and sufficient time and resources to follow this training.

6. At the request of the (prospective) PhD candidate, the Rector can grant exemption from parts of the training, provided that the decision to grant exemption explains how the (prospective) PhD candidate has already met the learning outcomes of that part of the training.

7. The Rector can authorise the Head of the Graduate School to perform the tasks referred to in paragraph 6.

Article 7a.2 – Assessment of the training

1. After the supervisor has approved the manuscript, the PhD candidate submits a request to the Head of the Graduate School to issue the training certificate.

2. The training will be assessed in the manner stipulated by the Head of the Graduate School and approved by the Doctorate Board.

3. The Head of the Graduate School will inform the PhD candidate and the supervisor about the outcome of the assessment.

4. The Head of the Graduate School will present the training certificate to the PhD candidate.

The Course Units

Unlike the IGS, the content of the second part of the training is not fixed and can be filled out according to the specific training needs of the candidate.

The program can consist of several components. For each of these there is a fixed number of ECTS. If a deviating number of ECTS is indicated, this must be justified by the supervisor. Each ECTS requires an average time investment of 28 hours.

	ECTS (including preparation)	
NOSTER courses, NOSTER conferences	As determined by NOSTER	-
Courses in academic writing, methodology etc.	As determined by the provider or in consultation with Head GS	
Conferences (Graduate School meetings, international conferences of the PThU, other national and international academic conferences)		If a paper is presented
• 1 day	0,5	+ 2
• 2-3 days	1	+ 2
• 4-6 days	2	+ 2
Participation in research seminars		
• at least 3 meetings per year	1 per year	+ 2
• at least 6 meetings per year	2 per year	+ 2
• at least 9 meetings per year	3 per year	+ 2
Individual training days	0,5	+ 2
Other	In consultation with the Head of GS	

Paper presentations during conferences worth 2 ECTS can count towards a maximum of 6 ECTS.

Candidates who must still complete the Research Management part of the Initial Graduate School upon admission to the GS do so in addition to the regular 15 ECTS of Part II of the GS.

Registration

1. Supervisors are responsible for the quality of the teaching and training in the second part of the GS.
2. The PhD students are responsible for providing the information. They must seek the supervisor's approval (this will initially be by email).
3. The student administration is responsible for the registration.
4. The Head of Graduate School does a yearly retrospective review and addresses the promoters if there are concerns about the quality and/or relevance of the items entered. If there are questions in advance about certain elements of the training, supervisors may consult with the Head of GS about them.
5. If required, the Head of Graduate School may request additional teaching components.

Joint Doctorates and Double Doctorates

In the case of Joint Doctorates or Double Doctorates, the educational requirements will be established in the agreement and must be determined per institution or candidate. At least the requirements laid down in the PThU regulations regarding the extent of the educational pathway must be met.

Transitional Regulations

The new PhD regulations will take effect on 1 January 2021, and in principle they apply to everyone who obtains a PhD after that date. A transitional arrangement applies to candidates who were admitted to the Graduate School before January 1, 2021:

- Candidates who obtain a doctorate before 31 December 2021 are exempt from the program.
- Candidates who obtain their PhD between 1 January and 31 December 2022 achieve at least 5 ECTS of training within the GS.
- Candidates who obtain their PhD between 1 January and 31 December 2023 achieve at least 10 ECTS of training within the GS.
- Candidates who obtain their PhD after 1 January 2024 are fully subject to the new PhD rules and regulations.
- Registration begins in January 2022 when PhD candidates are invited to register their training activities from the year 2021.
- In the year 2022, candidates can retroactively register teaching and training activities undertaken after their full admission to the Graduate School but not before 1 January 2019.