

## KSIE Supervision Agreement

between

Doctoral researcher:	
Supervisor:	
Second supervisor:	
Other supervisors: Mentor/Staff member with a doctoral degree:	

### Doctoral research project

Preliminary title:	
Start date (month/year):	
Expected end (month/year):	

- (1) The doctoral research project was described in the attached first outline and/or the working plan from \_\_\_\_\_ and has been accepted by the doctoral researcher and the supervisor.
- (2) All parties understand, that work packages, milestones and expected durations can change as the topic scientifically evolves. Therefore, the agreement and its attachments shall be checked by the parties concerned and modified where necessary at least on a yearly basis.

### The tasks and obligations of the supervisor(s)

- (1) The supervisor is obliged to provide the doctoral researcher with expert advice and to conduct meetings concerning the progress of the research in accordance with the evolving time schedule and working plan on a regular basis. The supervisor shall support the independent research of the doctoral researcher by giving methodological advice.
- (2) The supervisor is obliged to supervise the doctoral research period until the completion of the doctoral studies, irrespective of the duration of financial support. The supervisor has the right to end the supervision for valid reasons, in particular the lack of significant scientific contributions of the doctoral researcher.

### **The tasks and obligations of the doctoral researcher**

- (1) The doctoral researcher reports on the partial results of the dissertation content in accordance with the (where necessary adapted) time schedule and working plan on a regular basis.
- (2) In addition to the supervision meetings, the doctoral researcher gives an annual presentation on the current state of the research within the framework of the working group/research association/doctoral program and shall receive feedback on the current progress of and possible improvements to his/her doctoral research project.
- (3) The doctoral researcher is obliged to contribute significant scientific ideas.

### **Accompanying qualification**

- (1) The doctoral researcher shall participate in the qualification program of KSIE. The scope and content of this involvement are determined in the working plan.
- (2) The doctoral researcher presents his/her research results to a preferably international audience by publishing them in renowned journals and by giving presentations at conferences. Exceptions must be justified.
- (3) The doctoral researcher may conduct part of his/her doctoral research at an institution outside of Germany or in the industry, if this supports the thesis.
- (4) The parties concerned make arrangements with regard to the option of participating in specialist or interdisciplinary events where appropriate.

### **Integration within the working group, research association or doctoral program**

The doctoral research project shall be conducted within the framework of the chair \_\_\_\_\_ and the graduate school KSIE.

### **Compliance with the principles of good practice in research**

The doctoral researcher and the supervisor are obliged to comply with the principles of good practice in research (cf. <http://www.kit.edu/kit/2985.php>).

### Mediation in conflicts

- (1) In the case of conflicts between the doctoral researcher and the supervisor, the parties concerned need to contact the ombudsman of KSIE.
- (2) If the supervision relationship is ended, the doctoral program shall make an effort to find a sufficient alternative specialist supervision relationship. In the case of termination of the doctoral research, written statements by the doctoral researcher and the Supervisors shall be forwarded to the executive board of KSIE.

### Research-family balance

Particular support will be provided for the establishment and maintenance of a positive research-family balance. Special funding options will be arranged as required.

### Additional agreements

Place, date, signature

Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor

Mentor

Spokesperson for the doctoral program

### Attachments