

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT MU: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DOCTORAL STUDIES MANAGED IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPLICATION SPHERE

1. Doctoral studies managed in cooperation with the application sphere is a possible way of carrying out an already accredited doctoral degree programme in cooperation with entities outside the academia. To successfully complete the studies, the student must fulfill all the obligations described in the MU Study and Examination Regulations.
2. The Student is enrolled full-time (preferred form of studies) in the accredited doctoral degree programme while also being in an employment relationship with the application sphere Partner at the same time. The Student is entitled to the same scholarship and further support as other full-time students do. The student is also allowed to study in the combined form of studies. The application sphere Partner is not required to provide funds to the faculty the Student studies at, or to sponsor the Student by providing a scholarship.
3. The study is subject to the approval of the doctoral board – announcement of the research focus of the dissertation, admission process, and course of study and its completion. The research focus of the dissertation is set with regard to the needs of the application sphere Partner and reflects the potential the research has to be put in practice. Those who apply to this form of doctoral studies either comes from the environment of the application sphere Partner, or a future application sphere Partner contacts the faculty with a research focus in mind and the faculty in turn recommends and helps recruit applicants to doctoral studies for this research focus. Another possibility is for a student to be accepted to a specific research topic that is already being researched by the faculty and the application sphere Partner in a joint project. Once the student is admitted and enrolled, a contract is concluded between the faculty, the student, and the application sphere partner.
4. The student's supervisor is usually an internal supervisor. The consultant is usually an expert with work experience in an employment relationship with the partner from the application sphere. The obligations of all are determined by the contract between the faculty, the application sphere partner, and the student, or by internal regulations of the faculty.
5. The supervisor and the consult are expected to cooperate closely; the supervisor discusses all relevant steps (ISP approval, student requests, etc.) with the consultant who then provides their feedback. In case any of the parties is dissatisfied with the cooperation on the level student-supervisor-consultant, they inform the doctoral board of the given degree programme. The consultant is usually a member of all the committees necessary for successfully completing the studies, including the state doctoral examination and dissertation defence.
6. A contract is concluded between the faculty, the application sphere partner, and the student, which defines their rights and obligations. The rights and obligations regarding the research results (copyright) are defined in the license agreement between the student, the faculty, and the application sphere partner. Copyrights and any other eventual research are contractually addressed in cooperation with the MU Technology Transfer Office.