

# **RTG 2155 - Supervision Agreement**

**Project Title**

**PhD student**

**Starting date**

**Abstract**

*(500 words)*

**Schedule**

*(list anticipated scientific milestones of the project in a timeline of 1 year (MD) and 3 years (PhD, maximum funding period), highlight interdisciplinary aspects of the project (collaborations within and outside RTG, use of external methodologies/facilities, research stays at other institutes, etc.)*

**Working environment**

*Please describe briefly the working environment of the MD or PhD student (list important facilities and equipment available to carry out the RTG project) and explain how the student and his/her project is integrated in the work group.*

**Comments**

*Please state any comments and additional information you consider important here.*

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## Responsibilities of the MD/PhD fellow and the mentors

Each MD or PhD thesis is supervised by a thesis committee consisting of the principal investigator and two co-supervisors (group leaders or senior postdocs outside the group of the project leader), who will ensure best scientific input and guidance. For medical students two thesis committee members are required. The MD/PhD fellow and the members of the thesis committee agree upon the following:

The project leader ensures that the topic of dissertation can be carried out in an appropriate working environment including financial support, equipment, necessary collaborations and regular group meetings. He/she is regularly discussing the obtained data, giving advice and helping to establish contacts to other scientists. He/she is granting sufficient time to attend the lectures and courses of the RTG qualification programme and provides opportunities to complete the elective activities of the programme (teaching, participation in conferences, organization and PR activities, laboratory rotations). The project leader commits him/herself to conclude the dissertation project and the graduation of the student. This includes publication of the obtained data.

The thesis committee members agree to monitor the quality and progress of the PhD project and to sort out potentially occurring disagreements. The committee can be contacted whenever appropriate or necessary.

The MD/PhD student regularly informs the project leader about the progress of work. His/her duty is to document all protocols and data in a clear and well organised manner. The student knows that the obtained data need to be made available to the project leader at all times. All obtained data remain in the supervising institution and can be published only in agreement with the supervisor. The student aims at contributing to the publication of the data. At least one first-author publication in a recognised peer-reviewed journal is required (PhD) or advised (MD).

It is the responsibility of the doctoral student to call in the committee meetings and to write annual reports. At least one thesis committee meeting per year is held. The student agrees to take part in the lectures and courses offered by the graduate programme.

Students and supervisors commit themselves to the rules of good scientific practice. The supervisor aids in the reconciliation of scientific work and family life (if applicable).

### PhD student

Date, Signature

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor (principal investigator)

Date, Signature

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor

Date, Signature

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor

Date, Signature

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