



Doctoral examination regulations of the Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, Friedrich Schiller University Jena as at 17 July 2018

In accordance with section 3 subsection 1 in conjunction with section 38 subsection 3 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (*Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG*) from 10 May 2018 (published in the journal of legal notices of the Free State of Thuringia GVBl, p. 149), the Friedrich Schiller University Jena issues the present Doctoral Examination Regulations of the Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences. The regulations were approved by the faculty council on 5 July 2018 and agreed by the Senate of the University on 17 July 2018. The president gave his consent on the regulations on 17 July 2018.

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I. Doctoral degree

§ 1

- (1) The University, represented by the Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, confers the doctoral degrees:
 - doctor rerum naturalium (Dr. rer. nat.)
 - Doktor-Ingenieur(in) (Dr.-Ing.).
- (2) Represented by the Faculty, the University can also confer an honorary doctorate ("doctor honoris causa", Dr. h. c.) for their disciplines in accordance with section 20. To any doctoral degrees conferred in accordance with section 1 subsection 1, the addendum "honoris causa" (h. c.) shall be appended.
In deviation from the above, the doctoral degree "Dr.-Ing." shall be appended the addendum "Ehren halber" (E.h.).



- (3) With the exception of honorary doctorates, any doctoral degree of the same title may be conferred only once. Women may use gender-specific expressions of designations of their functions, academic titles, and of degrees.

§ 2

- (1) The award of a doctoral degree shall serve as a certification of the competence to perform advanced scientific work in one of the research (sub)disciplines represented by the Faculty ("Promotionsfach").
- (2) Except in the case of an honorary degree, the certification will be granted upon successful submission of a written scientific paper ("Dissertation") in accordance with section 8 and upon an oral examination ("Disputation") in accordance with section 9.

II. Admission requirements

§ 3

- (1) Admission as a doctoral candidate usually requires a *Diplom* degree, a *Magister* degree, a state examination ("Staatsexamen"), or a master's degree which shall be completed with the final mark above average at a university or a university of applied sciences in the discipline in which a doctoral degree is sought. The applicant's intended field of study must be part of the teaching or research activities at the Faculty.
- (2) Degrees earned at a university abroad may be recognized if they are equivalent to one of the degrees mentioned in subsection 1. The equivalence shall be examined by the dean based on the agreement on equivalence approved by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (*Kultusministerkonferenz, KMK*) and the German Rectors' Conference (*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz, HRK*).
- (3) The requirement for earning the degree "Dr.-Ing." are a *Diplom* or a master's degree at a university or university of applied sciences in engineering or in natural sciences. Alternatively, also a doctoral thesis in a field of natural sciences which is represented at the Faculty is acceptable. It is the faculty council which decides whether the requirements are met.
- (4) Should applicants wish to produce a doctoral thesis in a field other than in their graduate degree, an examination of the applicants' performance in their previous studies shall take place. Upon supervisor's suggestion, the faculty council issues a list of additional requirements for the applicants, i.e. coursework and examinations, which correspond with the relevant study regulations and examination regulations of the Faculty. The additional requirements shall be documented in a letter of acceptance for doctoral studies pursuant to section 4 subsection 8. Applicants must fulfil these requirements before the opening of the doctoral examination procedure. The same applies for the admission of particularly qualified graduates of bachelor's programmes as defined in section 3 subsection 4 of the General Doctoral Regulations (*Allgemeine Bestimmungen für die Promotionsordnungen der Fakultäten, ABPO*).



- (5) For applicants who do not meet the requirements as defined in subsection 1, an individual evaluation takes place in which the supervisor suggests to the faculty council which sections of the applicant's education must be still completed and by which means (modules, practical training, and examinations). As a rule, these requirements must be completed within one year and correspond with the study regulations and examination regulations of the Faculty.
- (6) The additional requirements for admission to apply as defined in subsections 4 and/or 5 are also considered fulfilled if applicants complete a recognized doctoral programme successfully which was supervised by a professor, a Privatdozent, or by the leader of one of the junior research groups at the Faculty.
- (7) As a general rule, applicants cannot be given the admission if they already applied for a doctoral programme in the same discipline elsewhere or failed a doctoral examination.

III. Admission as a doctoral candidate and supervision

§ 4

- (1) Anyone meeting the admission requirements as defined in section 3 and intending to complete a doctorate shall apply for admission as a doctoral candidate at the given faculty before starting a doctoral research. As a rule, they can apply for admission via the online portal of the University. In their application, applicants shall provide the topic of their doctoral thesis project and the research discipline. The application shall include the following documents:
 1. supporting documents regarding the admission requirements as defined in section 3; copies of final certificates and degree certificates (Applicants who earned their degree at other universities must provide the copies which shall be officially certified.);
 2. the supervision agreement and the qualification agreement pursuant to subsection 5;
 3. a current CV presenting personal and professional development;
 4. declaration of all existing or previous applications for admission as a doctoral candidate each of which should include the date and topic of the application, the name of the given faculty, and the information whether a doctoral examination procedure has been initiated or is already completed. If the applicant already earned a doctorate, a copy of the doctoral degree certificate shall be attached, too.
- (2) It is the dean who decides on the application for admission as a doctoral student in due time, usually within a month. The admission is only possible if, firstly, at least one research supervisor has assured the supervision of the doctoral thesis project; secondly, if the facilities required to conduct the project have been ensured; thirdly, if the Faculty is able to assess the completed doctoral thesis as an academic contribution. The admission does not guarantee any legal rights to begin the doctoral examination procedure.
- (3) Supervisors may be professors, Privatdozenten, or leaders of junior research groups if they are members of the Faculty. Leaders of junior research groups may only be supervisors if their scientific competence was reviewed by an external scientific assessment procedure whose quality criteria had been confirmed by the Research Committee of the Senate. If the case is equivalent to the quality criteria accepted by the Research Committee of the Senate, a leader of a junior research group may be a supervisor. It is the faculty council which decides in such a case.



- (4) Generally, the doctoral thesis project shall be carried out at one of the Faculty's institutes. If the supervision is conducted in collaboration with other scientific institutions, particularly other universities and non-university research institutions, the faculty council may appoint additional supervisors from these institutions, provided that they possess equivalent scientific qualifications to those defined under subsection 3. As a rule, the collaboration is based on a respective agreement between the University and the cooperating institution. In such cases, at least one supervisor must be a member of the Faculty. It is the faculty council which decides on any exceptions.
- (5) Prior to the application for admission as a doctoral candidate, the supervisor(s) and the applicant shall sign a supervision agreement or a qualification agreement. The agreement shall consist of the following elements:
 - the responsibility of the doctoral candidates to report to their supervisors regularly on the progress of their doctoral thesis project;
 - the responsibility of the supervisors to ask for the doctoral candidates' regular progress reports on the doctoral thesis project;
 - the type of the collaboration (if applicable);
 - the type of the doctoral thesis project planned (monograph or cumulative doctoral thesis);
 - if applicable: participation in a doctoral programme. This shall be confirmed in the application for admission.
- (6) Upon request, the doctoral relationship (i.e. doctoral thesis project and status as a doctoral candidate) may be suspended temporarily if the doctoral research cannot be conducted in a reasonable manner due to particular family-related burdens, illness, pregnancy, parental leave, intense care for relatives, due to disabilities, or for any other valid reason.
- (7) The doctoral candidate shall immediately inform the Faculty about any relevant changes of data provided in the application for admission as a doctoral candidate as well as any relevant changes to their supervision agreement. Upon request, the doctoral candidate must confirm the resumption of the doctoral thesis project yearly. From the fourth year after the admission, a confirmation from the responsible supervisor is required.
- (8) The applicant shall be informed about the decision on the application in writing. The letter of admission shall specify the field of the doctoral research project, the topic as well as the names of the respective research supervisors, and additional requirements in accordance with section 3 subsections 3 and 4. A rejection of the application must also provide a valid reason for the rejection and information on legal remedies.
- (9) Admission as a doctoral candidate may be revoked if there is no prospect of completing the doctoral thesis successfully within a reasonable period of time or if the supervision agreement was terminated in accordance with subsection 5. Prior to decision, the dean shall give the opportunity to the doctoral candidate to be heard. Furthermore, the doctoral candidate may terminate the doctoral relationship, and thus the status as a doctoral candidate, by written notice.



IV. Opening of the doctoral examination procedure

§ 5

The application initiating the doctoral examination procedure shall be submitted in writing to the dean. The application shall include the following documents:

1. the letter of admission as a doctoral candidate as determined in section 4 subsection 8 and the confirmation that the additional requirements as defined in section 3 subsections 3 and 4 have been met;
2. four printed copies of the doctoral thesis and one electronic copy as a PDF file each using an electronic data medium;
3. a declaration in which applicants:
 - confirm that they are familiar with the valid doctoral examination regulations of the Faculty;
 - confirm that they produced the doctoral thesis project themselves (statement of authorship), they neither have taken any text passages from third parties nor their own final theses or seminar papers without citing those; in addition, they also confirm they indicated the tools, personal information, and sources having been used;
 - provide names of the persons who assisted the applicant in selecting and analysing materials, and supported them in writing the manuscript;
 - confirm that they did not receive any assistance from specialized consultants and that any third party did not receive either direct or indirect financial benefits from the applicants for the work connected to the doctoral thesis submitted;
 - confirm that they have not already submitted the doctoral thesis project as their final thesis for a state examination or other academic examination;
 - confirm that they did not submit the same, a substantially similar, or another scientific paper to any other institution of higher education and, if they did it, with what outcome;
4. an official certificate of good conduct if the applicants are not employed in the public sector;
5. the proof of payment of the submission fee for a doctorate; the fee is determined by the valid version of the General Fees Regulations of the University;
6. a CV containing information on their education and scientific progress;
7. a list of academic publications and, where applicable, of academic (oral) presentations.

§ 6

- (1) It is the faculty council which decides on the beginning of the examination procedure; the decision shall be made in the first meeting after the submission of the application. The decision shall be reached by a majority of the council's members holding a doctorate. In exceptional circumstances or during lecture-free periods, the dean may begin the doctoral examination procedure on provision by summary proceedings. The faculty council then decides on the opening of the doctoral examination procedure in its next meeting.
- (2) The dean shall inform the applicant about the opening of the doctoral examination procedure in writing.
- (3) The application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure may be withdrawn until either the date for the oral examination ("Disputation") has been fixed or the procedures have been closed due to the rejection of the doctoral thesis project.



V. Doctoral committee

§ 7

- (1) The faculty council appoints a doctoral committee which, as a rule, consists of two reviewers; the committee conducts the doctoral examination procedure. The doctoral committee consists of the reviewers, of two further members who shall be professors, Privatdozenten, or leaders of junior research groups, and one chairperson. The chairperson must be a professor at the Faculty. The reviewers shall have a postdoctoral lecturing qualification "habilitation", be professors or leaders of a junior research groups as defined in section 4 subsections 3 and 4. At least one reviewer and the majority of the members in the doctoral committee shall be members of the Faculty. It is the faculty council which decides on any exceptions.
- (2) Pursuant to section 9, the doctoral committee conducts the oral examination and consults the results of the examination in a non-public meeting directly after the examination. The consultation is based on written evaluations regarding the admission and marks, or rejection of the doctoral thesis project, and the oral examinations.
- (3) All decisions of the doctoral committee shall be put on record.
- (4) In accordance with section 7 subsection 5 of the General Doctoral Regulations, the committee members shall treat the information having been disclosed in non-public meetings of the committee as confidential. This does not apply to the information that are already public. Non-disclosure duties under employment or labour contracts remain unaffected.
- (5) The right of supervisors, reviewers, and of the committee members to participate in examination procedures remains unaffected in case of their retirement. It is the faculty council which decides on other rights to participate, in particular of those persons who are or are about to be employed by other institutions.

VI. Doctoral thesis

§ 8

- (1) In the doctoral thesis, doctoral candidates demonstrate their ability to obtain results which serve the development of the discipline on which the doctoral thesis is based.
- (2) As a rule, the doctoral thesis project is an academic paper (monograph) in which doctoral candidates describe their independent work and results comprehensibly, contextualize these within the relevant field according to the rules of good scientific practice, and discuss their significance comprehensively. Instead of a monograph, doctoral candidates may also submit a publication-based thesis. The selected publications for such a doctoral thesis must be introduced by a thorough written presentation which contextualize the research topics and the central findings of the publications. The presentation shall take the relevant literature into account and identify the candidate's own contribution; if applicable, also the contributions of other authors of the respective publications shall be acknowledged. The faculty council shall specify any requirements and implementing provisions for publication-based theses.



- (3) The doctoral thesis shall be written either in German or in English. Doctoral candidates shall submit a typewritten and bound doctoral thesis. In justified cases, the faculty council may allow doctoral candidates to write their thesis in another language. If a doctoral thesis is not written in German, a summary in German shall be attached.
- (4) The doctoral thesis shall include: a title page, a short CV outlining the candidate's scientific background, and a declaration of originality as defined in section 5 subsection 1 no. 3.
- (5) The dean shall submit the doctoral thesis to the reviewers appointed in accordance with section 7 subsection 1 along with the request to evaluate it in due time. Reviewers may be all persons as defined in section 4 subsections 3 and 4. Within two weeks after the reviews have been submitted, the professors and other members of the Faculty having a postdoctoral teaching qualification may view the doctoral thesis in the dean's office and provide their opinion on it. The dean informs the eligible faculty members about this period.
- (6) The reviewers evaluate the submitted doctoral thesis in detail and independently from each other, and decide whether it can be accepted as such. They evaluate the scientific performance of a doctoral thesis submitted in a written review and mark it according to the following scale:
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| summa cum laude | (with distinction) | 1.0 |
| magna cum laude | (excellent) | 1.3 |
| cum laude | (good) | 1.7, 2.0, or 2.3 |
| rite | (satisfactory) | 2.7, 3.0, or 3.3 |
- (7) If a doctoral degree "Dr.-Ing." is about to be conferred (section 1 subsection 1), at least one reviewer who is an expert in engineering-related disciplines shall be appointed.
- (8) The mark "summa cum laude" may be given if doctoral candidates submitted a doctoral thesis with distinctive research achievements. The reviewers shall provide reasons for this grading in their reviews.
- (9) The reviews should be submitted not later than two months after the opening of the doctoral examination procedure. If the mark "summa cum laude" is given by two reviewers, the dean shall appoint an additional, external reviewer immediately. There shall not be any conflict of interests between the reviewer and the doctoral candidate, as well as the supervisor in terms of the provisions from the German Research Foundation (DFG). The reviews must be completed within six weeks after the submission of the doctoral thesis. In case of delays, the reviewers shall provide valid reasons. If reviewers are not able to submit their reviews in due time, the faculty council shall appoint other reviewers.
- (10) If all reviewers recommend to accept the doctoral thesis, the doctoral committee shall decide on the overall final mark of the thesis. The overall final mark is based on the individual marks given by the reviewers. Should all reviewers give the same mark, this shall represent the final overall mark of the thesis. If the difference between the marks is 1.0 or more, the dean, upon consultation with the faculty council, shall request another review.



- (11) Should at least one reviewer recommend the rejection of the doctoral thesis, the doctoral committee decides whether to continue the doctoral examination procedure or recommends to the faculty council to close the procedure as unsuccessful (i.e. without granting a degree to the candidate). Upon prior approval of the faculty council, it may be decided to obtain additional reviews. The decision to accept or reject the doctoral thesis following additional reviews is made by the faculty council based on the recommendation of the doctoral committee and taking into account all prior reviews of the doctoral thesis. Should two reviewers reject the doctoral thesis, the doctoral committee recommends to the faculty council to close the doctoral examination procedure as unsuccessful.
- (12) The dean shall notify the doctoral candidate about the termination of the doctoral examination procedure in writing. In this case, the doctoral candidate is allowed to view the examination files. In case of a terminated doctoral examination procedure, a copy of the doctoral thesis and the reviews shall be included into the file at the Faculty. If the doctoral thesis is rejected, the candidate may re-apply for a doctoral examination procedure in the same field only once.
- (13) If the doctoral examination procedure is continued after the acceptance of the doctoral thesis, the doctoral candidate may view the reviews after the date of the thesis defence is set.

VII. Thesis defence

§ 9

- (1) The oral examination takes place as a thesis defence. It shall be conducted in German or in English. During the thesis defence, the doctoral candidate presents the most important results of the doctoral thesis. The presentation is followed by a scientific discussion with the members of the doctoral committee in which the doctoral candidate has the opportunity to defend the results of the doctoral thesis. Upon request, the scientific discussion can also be open to the external public. At the same time, the doctoral thesis should also give the doctoral candidates the opportunity to prove to the members of the committee the independent engagement with central topics of the field and their knowledge about the current state of the art within the field. The thesis defence consists of a 30-minute presentation followed by a scientific discussion lasting between 30 and 60 minutes. In the scientific discussion, it is the members of the committee who shall pose questions first. Afterwards, the chairperson of the committee may allow other persons to pose a question, too. If the orderly procedure of the thesis defence is at risk, the chairperson may close the event for the public. This is also possible upon request of the doctoral candidate. The thesis defence shall be put on record.
- (2) If all reviewers suggest the acceptance of the doctoral thesis, the committee decides on the overall grade of the doctoral thesis based on all reviews submitted, i.e. after the review deadline, and not later than in the semester following the review deadline.
- (3) At the end of the thesis defence, the doctoral committee evaluates the candidate's performance in a session closed to the public and marks the performance in accordance with section 8 subsection 6.



- (4) Should doctoral candidates fail the thesis defence, they may apply to repeat the thesis defence once. The second attempt shall take place within 12 months upon request, but not earlier than two months after the first thesis defence. If the thesis defence is failed more than once, the examination procedure shall be terminated as unsuccessful. The dean shall inform the doctoral candidate about it in writing.
- (5) Should the candidate miss the appointment for the thesis defence without valid reason, the examination is considered as failed. The same applies if the candidate terminates the examination without valid reason.

VIII. Final mark of the doctorate

§ 10

- (1) The following marks shall be used to determine the overall final mark:

summa cum laude	(with distinction)	1.0
magna cum laude	(excellent)	1.1–1.5
cum laude	(good)	1.6–2.5
rite	(satisfactory)	from 2.6.

- (2) The overall final mark for the doctoral thesis project shall be determined based on the arithmetic average of the doctoral thesis and the thesis defence. The first mark is given a factor 2. The overall final mark "summa cum laude" may only be given if both, the doctoral thesis and the thesis defence are given the grade 1.0. The committee's decision on the mark shall be a unanimous one.
- (3) Upon recommendation of the doctoral committee, the faculty council decides on the overall final mark for the doctoral thesis and on granting the doctorate by majority vote of the present members holding a doctorate. With regard to the regulations on temporary contracts, the doctoral examination procedure is then considered completed.

IX. Award of the doctorate and doctoral degree certificate

§ 11

Upon request of the reviewers, the doctoral committee can demand from the doctoral candidate to remove any errors or deficiencies before the publication of the doctoral thesis. It is the dean who shall examine whether the requirements are fulfilled.

§ 12

The dean informs the doctoral candidate about the decision of the doctoral committee and the faculty council in writing. The dean also informs the doctoral candidate about the obligation to publish the doctoral thesis and about the regulations on the completion of the doctorate.



§ 13

- (1) After the acceptance of the doctoral thesis and the successful thesis defence, the doctoral candidate shall publish the doctoral thesis in an appropriate manner and submit the publication in accordance with subsection 2.
- (2) The obligation to publish the doctoral thesis is considered met if, apart from the four copies of the doctoral thesis submitted, the Thuringian State and University Library (ThULB) receives compulsory copies in one of the following versions:
 1. an electronic version as a PDF file on a CD and three identical printed and bound copies;
 2. eight printed and bound copies;
 3. eight printed copies if the doctoral thesis was published in a journal or in a scientific series;
 4. eight printed copies if it is (1) a commercial publisher who is responsible for the distribution, (2) the minimum number of copies is proven (i.e. 150 copies), and (3) the publication is marked as a doctoral thesis on the reverse of its title page.

In the cases defined in sentence 2 (no. 1 and 2), the doctoral candidate transfers the right to produce further copies of the doctoral thesis and to distribute it to the University.

In the case defined in sentence 2 (no. 1), the doctoral candidate shall furthermore transfer the right to publish the doctoral thesis in data networks to the University and to the German National Library ("Deutsche Nationalbibliothek"). Regarding the latter, ThULB may specify requirements for the submission of the doctoral thesis, in particular the technical ones.

- (3) The compulsory copies are to be delivered within one year after the completion of the doctoral examination procedure. Upon dean's approval, the submission deadline may be extended due to reasons related to data protection and copyright. The submission deadline shall not be extended by more than two years.

§ 14

- (1) When the requirements set in section 11 are met and the obligation to publish the doctoral thesis in accordance with section 13 is fulfilled, the doctoral candidate is conferred a doctoral degree certificate which shall be signed by the president and the dean, and shall include the seal of the University.
- (2) The doctoral degree certificate includes the following information: the topic of the doctoral thesis, the name of the supervisor(s), the overall final mark, and the mark of the doctoral thesis itself. The grades should be written in Latin. The date of the oral examination shall be marked as the date of the completion of doctoral studies.
- (3) Doctoral candidates may use the title after the University conferred them the doctoral degree certificate. If other requirements are proven, applicants may be given a temporary consent to use the title before the conferral of the doctoral degree certificate. It is the dean who issues the notification.
- (4) Upon request, the doctoral candidate may receive the doctoral degree certificate in English.



- (5) In case of joint doctorates being part of collaborations in accordance with section 16, a doctoral degree certificate shall be conferred in accordance with section 19 of the General Doctoral Regulations.

X. Joint doctoral examination procedure with other institutions of higher education

§ 15

- (1) In accordance with section 61 subsection 5 sentence 4 of ThürHG, professors of a university of applied sciences or another institution of higher education without the right of granting doctoral degrees may be appointed as supervisors, reviewers, or committee by the faculty council.
- (2) As a rule, a general agreement on joint doctorates between the University and other institution of higher education shall be given.

§ 16

The joint doctorates with other German or foreign institutions of higher education having the right to confer doctoral degrees shall be based on an agreement between the University and the given institution. Further provisions are determined by sections 16 and 19 of the General Doctoral Regulations.

XI. Deception and revocation of the doctorate

§ 17

- (1) The doctoral degree shall be revoked if the doctoral candidate provided supporting documents for admission or during the doctoral examination procedure by deception. The same applies if any facts might be given that would have prevented the conferral of the doctoral degree. Any decision to revoke the doctoral degree shall be accepted by a majority vote of the member of the faculty council holding a doctorate upon hearing the doctoral candidate.
- (2) If the admission requirements were not met, this being known after the doctoral degree certificate was already conferred, and the applicant did not obtain the status by deception, the lack of requirements shall be considered remedied through successful completion of the doctoral examination procedure.
- (3) In addition to the provisions above, the revocation of the doctorate is subject to the general legal provisions.

XII. Right of inspection

§ 18

After the completion of the examination procedure, the doctoral candidates have the right to view the documentation of the procedure. Section 8 subsection 13 remains unaffected.



XIII. Right of appeal in the doctoral examination procedure

§ 19

- (1) The applicant shall be informed about the decisions on the admission as a doctoral candidate, about the opening of the doctoral examination procedure or its rejection, and on the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis in writing. Any incriminating notification of the faculty council and/or of the doctoral committee shall be justified and shall include the information instructions on the right to appeal.
- (2) Within a month after the date of notification, the concerned party may file a written appeal to the president. Upon obtaining a statement from the University's Legal Office, the faculty council shall decide on the appeal with a majority vote of its members holding a doctorate. After obtaining the dean's counter-signature, the notification on the objection shall be issued by the president.
- (3) Appeal and the appeal procedure shall be governed by the relevant provisions on administrative court procedures. In addition, section 133 of ThürHG shall apply accordingly.

XIV. Honorary doctorate and jubilee doctorate

Section 20

- (1) In recognition of outstanding scientific achievement or other special merits, the University may award honorary degrees. Being a rare distinction, these may be conferred by the Faculty for any of the fields that it represents in accordance with section 1 subsection 2.
- (2) Every professor of the Faculty has the right to nominate candidates for an honorary doctorate. Upon prior consultation with the faculty council, the dean asks two reviewers to evaluate the achievements of the nominee.
- (3) Upon appraisal of all opinions submitted, the faculty council shall decide on the nomination of an honorary doctorate with a three-fourths majority vote of its members holding a doctorate. Prior to its decision, the Senate shall be given the opportunity to comment.
- (4) As a rule, the president and the dean shall award an honorary doctorate at a celebratory event to which the members of the Senate and the faculty are invited. The honorary doctorate presents the achievements of the nominee in form of a certificate which is signed by the president and the dean.

§ 21

- (1) The doctoral degree certificate may be renewed on the 50th anniversary of the date of its initial conferral if this is considered appropriate in light of the scientific merits or the close ties of the recipient with the University.
- (2) The anniversary certificate shall be awarded upon the proposal from the dean and the approval from the faculty council. It should be signed by the president and the dean.



XV. Mediation with ombudspersons

§ 22

- (1) The Faculty carries out a mediation with ombudspersons in accordance with section 25 of the General Doctoral Examination Regulations of the University.
- (2) The Faculty, represented by the faculty council, shall appoint at least one mediator for the period of three years which shall be responsible for its three departments: Chemistry, Geography, and Earth Sciences.
As a mediator, any person as defined in section 4 subsection 3 may be appointed. This person is a point of contact for doctoral candidates in case of conflicts related to the doctoral thesis project. If applicable, the mediator shall collaborate with the University's ombudspersons.

XVI. Coming into effect and transitional provisions

§ 23

- (1) For applicants who have been accepted or supervised as doctoral students at another university, and whose supervisor has recently been appointed to a position at the University, the requirements for admission to apply for a doctoral examination procedure and to begin the doctoral examination procedure of the original university shall also apply at the University. The examination procedure shall be carried out in accordance with sentence 1, however, in conjunction with the doctoral examination regulations of the Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences.
- (2) The present regulations come into effect on the day after its publication in the journal of legal notices of the University (*Verkündungsblatt der Friedrich-Schiller-Universität*).
- (3) Doctoral candidates having been already accepted as doctoral candidates before this version of the doctoral examination regulations came into effect have the right to choose between the present regulations and the regulations valid at the time of their admission as a doctoral candidate by the end of the semester following the effective date of the newer version.
- (4) The president of the University is authorized to issue the amended version of the Doctoral Examinations Regulations of the Faculty.

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