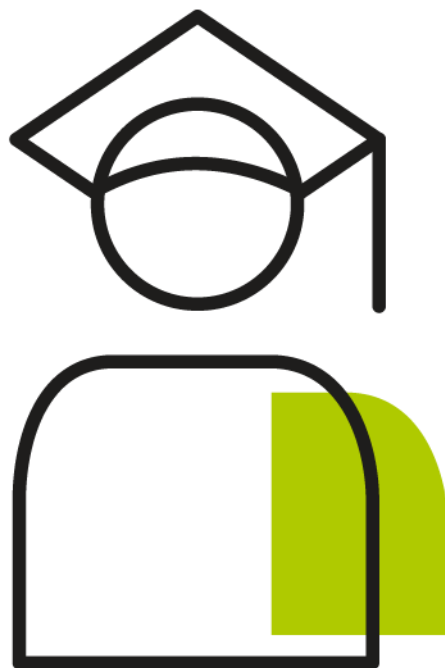




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Information for Doctoral Students

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The BfR doctoral training programme is a structured graduate programme. The combination of a binding supervision agreement, the flexible continuing education and training programme as well as the involvement of the doctoral student representatives pursues the following objectives:

- Deepening of disciplinary and interdisciplinary education and training with individual focus areas
- Strengthening of supervision and academic integration
- Promotion of interdisciplinary and cross-departmental exchange.

Participation in the BfR doctoral training programme has been mandatory for all PhD candidates at the BfR since April 1, 2017, regardless of their respective departmental or university affiliation.

The BfR doctoral training programme can be completed in conjunction with PhD programmes at the supervising university.

The Supervision Agreement

In addition to the employment contract, a supervision agreement is concluded between the doctoral candidate and the supervision team at the start of the PhD programme at the BfR. This agreement sets out the rights and obligations of all parties. Among other things, regular meetings are intended to promote a structured and goal-oriented PhD process and academic integration.

The supervision team comprises the BfR main supervisor (direct/practical supervision), the internal academic supervisor and the external academic supervisor.

The Doctoral Student Representative Committee

The doctoral student representative committee is a self-organised group of BfR doctoral students who represent the interests of the doctoral student body in regular dialogue with the institute's vice president. It organises regular get-togethers and supports the organisation of the annual PreDoc Symposium at the BfR. This promotes both social networking among PhD students and scientific exchange across disciplines, departments and sites.

The Continuing Education and Training Programme

The BfR's continuing education and training programme has a modular structure. Through a variable combination of obligatory and optional modules, it allows for flexible planning and the setting of individual priorities for various disciplines and interests. BfR-internal and external courses cover the fundamentals of scientific work, soft skills for work organisation, as well as methodological and subject-specific specialisations. Participation in other training programmes can also be incorporated into and supported by the continuing education and training programme, e. g. Specialist Toxicology Training (gt), Postgraduate Studies in Ecotoxicology (GDCh), Specialist Pharmacist in Toxicology and Ecology.

The module overview



The modules

The continuing education and training programme consists of five subject areas comprising a total of three obligatory modules and seven optional modules. A total of 12 credit points (CP) must be earned, comprising 7 CP in the obligatory modules and 5 CP in the optional modules. All information regarding the objectives, content, scope and assessment of the modules is set out in the module descriptions.

In principle, the mutual integration and recognition of credits between the BfR and the supervising university is facilitated by the use of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). However, accreditation is not guaranteed and requires individual assessment in each case.

Organisation und further regulations

Successful participation in the BfR doctoral training programme is certified following assessment of the credits earned.

At the start of each year, doctoral candidates receive a list of courses, which they can use to put together their individual course programme.

There is an upper limit of a maximum of 25 training days during the duration of the doctoral programme, of which a maximum of three specialist training courses may be taken and are funded within the framework of the BfR doctoral programme.

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