

Organisation and other regulations

All doctoral candidates are given an overview of events at the beginning of every year. They can individually compile their own curriculum to suit their requirements from the events on offer at or outside of BfR.

The mutual integration and crediting of courses attended at BfR and at the university is facilitated by awarding credit points (CP) within the scope of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). However, recognition cannot be guaranteed and requires individual verification in any case.

There is an upper limit of training days that may be attended during the space of three years. The maximum is 25 training days including a maximum of three specialised further training courses.

The doctoral candidates are responsible for registration for and participation in the events and must also provide proof of attendance and points acquired.



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The BfR Doctoral Training Programme

Information and tips for doctoral candidates



The BfR doctoral training programme

The aim of the doctoral training programme is to promote the training of doctoral candidates at BfR on a high level of specific and generic competence. In addition to a binding supervision agreement, the programme comprises a structured advanced and further training programme which supports and encourages interdisciplinary and interdepartmental exchange.

The doctoral training programme has been mandatory for all doctoral candidates since 1st April 2017.

The supervision agreement

A supervision agreement is concluded in addition to the employment contract between the doctoral candidate and the supervisor. It regulates the rights and obligations of both parties during the period of postgraduate education. It is also signed by the heads of the departments and units. The purpose of the agreement on the one hand is to provide the scientific supervision necessary for successfully obtaining a PhD and on the other hand to enable participation in preparatory specialised and methodical activities.

The advanced and further training programme

The advanced and further training programme has a modular structure. It allows flexible compilation and individual strategic focus on the various specialised disciplines represented at BfR.

The programme consists of three compulsory modules worth 7 credit points (CP) and optional modules with which at least 5 additional credit points must be earned. A minimum of 12 CP must be acquired for successful participation, certification of which is given subsequently upon presentation of all credits. No certificates are awarded for partial completion of the programme.

Overview of the modules of the advanced and further training programme



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Description of modules

The goals, content, extent and course assessments for each module are illustrated in the module descriptions of the BfR doctoral training programme. As a basic principle, multiple credits cannot be earned in different modules but only once in one module. Furthermore, only complete modules can be credited.

Obligatory (7 CP)

Optional (5 CP)