

Supplementary Subject-Specific Provisions for Acceptance as a Doctoral Candidate

For acceptance as a doctoral student at the Doctoral Center, the necessary formal admission requirements described in the doctoral regulations apply. In the event of minor discrepancies, these provisions govern possible decisions regarding acceptance. Such a decision can only be made in justified exceptional cases where special circumstances exist.

(1) In the event of a slightly worse final grade in the Master's programme with 300 CP than required with a maximum deviation of 0.2, possibilities of compensation can be examined. Special circumstances to make this possible include, for example, several years of research activity with reliable published results and/or at least two peer-reviewed specialist publications in relevant scientific journals.

(2) In the case of the recognition of a foreign degree, the usual mechanisms at Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences are used to determine equivalence in the course of equal treatment.

(3) Candidates with a diploma (FH) should be able to do their doctorate at the Doctoral Center. Each case must be examined individually for suitability and existing scientific experience. As a guideline for the assumption, it should continue to apply that participation in courses to the extent of 20 CP should be granted as a condition until the application for the opening of proceedings is made. The selection of suitable modules should be made by the doctoral committee depending on the topic of the doctoral project.

(4) With regard to the question of the entitlement to so-called external or industrial doctorates, the criteria for assessing a doctorate carried out at a company are that the company has a fundamental interest in the research results and that there must be sufficient scientific depth in the doctoral project.

The interest of a company can be documented by employing the doctoral student specifically for the research topic of the doctoral project or by assuring support for the doctoral project and the upcoming research work for it, for example by granting time freedom and/or access to resources. In addition to the scientific nature of the doctoral project, the underlying scope of work in the form of a time schedule, which can be described as approx. 3 years FTE, should be considered a characteristic of sufficient depth.