



**AGREEMENT
on cooperation
in the sphere of double PhD degrees
training with dual supervision**

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and

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paying great attention to the internationalization of higher education, training of highly qualified personnel and striving to achieve significant results in the sphere of education and research, signed this agreement to promote and intensify academic cooperation between partner universities.

1. Basic provisions

1.1. Implementation of academic mobility of PhD students of partner universities with the purpose of training/internships, acquiring the innovative research methods and expert skills in using unique equipment, as well as training and defense of PhD dissertations will be carried out, including the principles of dual supervision.

1.2. A necessary condition for the preparation and defense of PhD dissertations using the principles of dual supervision will be the consent of representatives from both partner universities and bilateral agreements to be concluded between the partner universities personally for each PhD student.

1.3. The direction of research and the topic of PhD dissertation is determined by the research supervisor of the university where the PhD student is mainly studying (home university), and agreed with the research supervisor of the partner university (host university).

2. Enrollment in double PhD studies

2.1. A person studying at PhD level with dual supervision must fulfill all conditions necessary for enrollment in each of the partner universities.

2.2. For the entire time of writing the dissertation in the frame of PhD course with double supervision, the applicant must be enrolled in the PhD study course of the partner university in accordance with the current rules.

2.3. The applicant retains a place in the PhD study course of his/her host university.

3. Terms of training

3.1. As a rule, the doctoral candidate spends several months at the host university working on a significant part of the doctoral thesis. The details are regulated in the individual agreement. Under the special circumstances of the war in Ukraine the applicants with Dnipro University of Technology as home university during their stay at the host university should write the main (essential) part of the qualification work.

3.2. More specific deadlines are determined by the provisions of bilateral agreements concluded between partner universities individually for each PhD candidate.

3.3. Invitations to study at PhD level must be received at least 3 months prior to the start of the stay at the host university.

4. Training costs

4.1. Tuition fees, subject to legal capacity, are not mutually charged.

4.2. The costs of accommodation and health insurance for the entire stay at the partner university are paid by the students themselves.

4.3. The partner university provides support in finding affordable accommodation.

4.4. The costs of scientific activities (travel expenses, cost of materials) each of the partner universities bears independently.

4.5. Both parties provide funding for PhD studies with dual supervision within their financial resources.

5. Support provided by the host university

5.1. The host university provides the student with a workplace with access to laboratories, the Internet network, as well as the opportunity to use the library.

5.2. The host university provides support in planning and conducting study tours and excursions related to the preparation of PhD dissertation.

5.3. The home university provides language training for students and the required level of foreign language proficiency.

5.4. The host university provides support in improving and deepening the language skills of the student.

6. Dissertation topic

6.1. The dissertation topic is determined by the home university and agreed with the host university.

7. Supervisors

7.1. Partner universities appoint one supervisor for each PhD student.

7.2. Both supervisors jointly supervise the scientific work, as well as exchange information on the tasks and the state of affairs in the relevant sections of the PhD dissertation.

7.3. Both supervisors appointed by the parties to supervise the research work of PhD student must be members of the attestation commissions of their universities.

8. The procedure for PhD dissertation defense

8.1. Each country has its own rules and procedures for PhD dissertation defense. The regulations in the respective country concerning the doctoral procedure apply.

8.2. The PhD dissertation must be passed and defended first at the home university in accordance with the norms established at the university.

8.3. The exams required for the defense of the dissertation ("Rigorosum" in Germany, "Candidate Minimum" in Ukraine) will be enrolled in both universities in case of passing this exam in one of the universities.

8.4. The host university must be provided with the original text of the qualification work, as well as the abstract of the PhD dissertation (minimum 20 pages), which must contain the goals, methods and research results.

8.5. It is allowed to write a qualifying work (thesis), in English, German or Ukrainian. The abstract and the defense at the host university have to be in English or in the language of the host university.

8.6. After successful completion of the procedures each university will award a certificate according to the rules of the respective university. Both certificates will state that the doctoral degree was obtained in a joint procedure with the respective other university. Depending on the topic of the doctorate and the faculty the title awarded by TU Bergakademie Freiberg will be Dr. rer. nat., Dr.-Ing., Dr. rer. pol., Dr. phil., or Dr. jur. The title awarded by Dnipro University of Technology will be Doctor of Philosophy.

8.7. In case the double doctorate procedure is not completed successfully, the home university still has the right to award to the candidate the doctoral degree according to its own regulations.

9. Mailing and depositing the PhD dissertation

9.1. The graduate student is obliged to follow the rules of mailing and depositing the dissertation in each of the countries where he/she is studying.

10. Scientific publications, secrecy issues

10.1. Publications within the framework of writing PhD dissertation must be agreed with both supervisors in compliance with the current rules of the respective countries.

11. Final provisions

11.1. This agreement is concluded by the parties for 5 years. After the expiration of the specified term it can be prolonged for the next 5 years, if neither of the parties declares the opposite not later than 6 months before the expiration of the contract. In case of termination of the contract, both parties must ensure the completion of current PhD dissertations.

11.2. Changes and amendments to this agreement must be agreed in writing by both partner universities.

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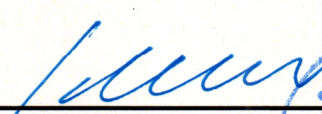
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