

# DAS FOTO GRAFISCHE DISPOSITIV

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## SUPERVISION

The PhD program sees itself as an integrational framework for individual PhD projects and pursues two interrelated objectives:

Firstly, to offer a structured, goal-oriented, and thematically focused doctoral program which elevates the quality of the resulting dissertations while at the same time shortening the duration of study. Each PhD candidate will have two personal academic supervisors from the group of program directors. Both sides benefit from the contact between PhD candidates and Post-Doctorate candidates associated with the program in terms of academic and organizational/educational skills.

Additionally, engaged contact with local and international associated institutions and visiting scholars provides important additional support for individual questions. The regular PhD colloquia, in which the progress of dissertation projects will be discussed with specialist colleagues and other PhD candidates, brings the group together in a way that candidates can mutually support each other in their projects.

Secondly, to support the academic independence of PhD candidates: initiatives such as workshops, conferences, or exhibitions will be strongly supported, as will the construction of national and international research networks through the existing relationships of the professors of the PhD program. Each semester, program fellows will be given the opportunity to invite two guest lecturers of their choice, which is also an important step in the development of networks.

The individual elements of the PhD program enable the concentration on common questions, but are also open enough to include candidates' suggestions flexibly.

At the beginning of the first semester, program fellows and professors sign an agreement in which they commit themselves to sound academic work, to cooperativeness and transparency with each other, to compulsory attendance and active participation in program events, to the observance of supervisory appointments, as well as the diligent fulfillment of assumed responsibilities. The twelve funded PhD candidates sign a written agreement to finish their dissertations at the HBK.

At the end of the first semester, program fellows decide on two advisors of their choice. The advisors for the twelve funded PhD candidates must be authorized examiners from the group of program directors. For associated candidates, one advisor must be a program director, but the second advisor can come from outside of the graduate program. Primary supervision is to take place through regular one-on-one meetings which follow up the submission of preliminary written work by the doctoral candidates.

These meetings are to be held at least twice a semester, or more often if required by the doctoral candidate. At the end of each meeting, the candidate and advisor will agree on the steps to be taken and what work the candidate will need to submit before the next meeting. The primary supervisor will create a file with the submitted documents and her/his comments/assessments. Beyond this, no further academic achievement certificates are provided.

Ideally, the primary advisor should also be the primary reviewer of the dissertation and the primary examiner in the doctoral defense. In justified cases, this may also be the secondary advisor or another academic faculty member from the HBK, or an outside academic faculty member in the case that an associated doctoral candidate would like their PhD granted from another University.

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