

**Recommendations for external doctoral projects
within the *Promotionszentrum* „Digital Technologies and their Application“
of the Deggenndorf Institute of Technology, the Technical University of Applied
Sciences Augsburg and Landshut University of Applied Sciences**

In doctoral projects conducted in cooperation with a company, the *Promotionszentrum* DigiTech, the respective company, and the doctoral candidate all share responsibility for the doctoral project. The principal supervisor is responsible for academic supervision. The company representative, who serves as a mentor, is responsible for providing guidance on the content of the doctoral project within the company. The details of the supervisory relationship are set forth in the supervision agreement and are supported by the company.

1. Integration into the academic ecosystem

The appendix titled “Qualification plan and integration into the academic environment” must be completed as thoroughly as possible and submitted. It must be clear how much time is available for working on the dissertation project, to what extent in terms of time and at what intervals the doctoral candidates are present at the university of applied sciences, and which laboratories / equipment they have access to. It should also be evident what synergies exist between the tasks within the Company and the research activities.

2. Publication and utilization

- a) Regular publications are required for a cumulative dissertation and are standard practice for a monograph.
- b) As the author of her / his dissertation, the doctoral candidate holds the copyright to it. All data, sources, and methods on which the dissertation is based must be accessible and verifiable.
- c) The dissertation will be published in accordance with the requirements of the Doctorate Regulations and will be supported by the company.
- d) Confidentiality, due to potential commercial use, may only be maintained for a short, predetermined period of time.

3. Financing

Additional costs may arise in connection with the doctoral project. It must be clarified with the company whether these costs will be covered. The financing of costs related to the doctoral project must be documented in writing. The following costs may arise:

- a) (Open access) publications
- b) Travel expenses
- c) Registration fees for conferences at which publications are presented
- d) Other resources (subscriptions to AI systems, literature, software, etc.)

4. Agreements

Agreements and arrangements between doctoral candidates, supervisors, and companies are documented in writing.