



Guidelines for granting the right to award doctorates to junior research group leaders according to §4 (2) c of the doctoral regulations of 2021.

In general, the supervision of doctoral dissertations at the Faculty of Medicine in Tübingen is carried out by junior professors, private lecturers (PD), and professors. However, in exceptional cases, particularly distinguished junior researchers may apply for the privilege of supervising doctoral dissertations as well as the right to assess and examine them.

The following documents are required for the application for approval:

- A letter addressed to the Dean, specifying the names of the doctoral candidates (or "N.N." if applicable) and the third-party funded projects that have been personally acquired to finance their positions.
- Curriculum vitae of the applicant, including details on the type and duration of the current employment relationship
- List of publications, categorized by original research articles, case reports, review articles, and book chapters, including impact factors
- List of self-acquired third-party funding (applicant, project title, source, total amount/if applicable, own contribution) along with copies of approval notices
- Letter of recommendation from the academic representative ("Fachvertreter/in"), along with confirmation of availability to serve as a second supervisor
- Statement regarding prior experience and training in mentoring junior researchers and other staff members

Please note that the right to confer a doctorate will only be granted under strict quality criteria:

- Exclusively for doctoral candidates funded through third-party funds acquired independently by the applicant as project leader, with a minimum of funds secured for the employment of two doctoral candidates (evidenced by approval notices),
- Existing employment relationship of the supervisor for the expected duration of the doctoral program (typically 3 years),
- Outstanding scientific qualifications, evidenced by securing an Emmy Noether Junior Research Group, an ERC Starting Grant, a grant from the Human Frontier Young Investigators Grants, or a comparable competitive, publicly awarded junior research group grant.

The application must be approved by the Doctoral Committee and the Faculty Council.