

# **Regulations on the establishment of a Saarland University Associate Fellowship for the supervision of doctorates by external academics at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Saarland University**

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Pursuant to Section 28(1) sentence 3, item 1 of the Saarland Higher Education Institutions Act (*Saarländisches Hochschulgesetz, SHSG*) of 30 November 2016, most recently amended by Article 3 and 6 of the Act of 15 February 2023 (Official Gazette I, p. 270), and with the consent of the Saarland University Senate, the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Saarland University hereby issues the following regulations for the establishment of a Saarland University Associate Fellowship for the external supervision of doctorates by external academics at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science.

## **Section 1 Scope**

These regulations apply to the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Saarland University and govern the procedure for establishing a Saarland University Associate Fellowship at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science.

## **Section 2 Objectives and significance of the establishment of the Saarland University Associate Fellowship**

The objective of the Saarland University Associate Fellowship at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science is to further intensify cooperation between the faculty and external research institutes on campus. Research group leaders and junior research group leaders at external research institutes will be authorized to supervise doctoral candidates in accordance with the Doctoral Degree Regulations of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Saarland University, as amended. This creates a framework for defining the rights and obligations of affiliated academics and increases the attractiveness of the faculty for international students and academics as a leading research location. The Saarland University Associate Fellowship gives external academics the right to supervise doctoral research projects (dissertations) which is otherwise reserved for members and staff of the university.

## **Section 3 Responsibility**

The procedure for awarding the 'Saarland University Associate Fellowship' at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science and the decision regarding this is the responsibility of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. Quality assurance shall be carried out by the faculty.

## **Section 4 Eligibility**

(1) Academics from external research institutes with which a cooperation agreement exists, in particular from the CISP A Helmholtz Center for Information Security (CISP A), German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI), Max Planck Institute for Informatics (MPI-INF) and Max Planck Institute for Software Systems (MPI-SWS), can apply for a Saarland University Associate Fellowship at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Saarland University. Applications must be submitted to the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. The decision on the application shall be made by the Faculty Council following nomination by the Doctoral Committee.

(2) The applicant must fulfil the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have qualifications that are at least comparable to those of a junior professor in mathematics or computer science and must independently lead a research group or junior research group.
2. As a rule, the applicant must have held a doctorate for at least two years.
3. The applicant has already shown initial commitment to the activities of the faculty, e.g. in the context of research collaborations with members of the faculty, contributions to public relations or student recruitment or by providing teaching support, provided this is necessary and has been carried out in agreement with the Dean of Studies.
4. Written statement by a university professor from the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Saarland University who supports the application.

## **Section 5 Rights and obligations**

(1) Academics of the Saarland University Associate Fellowship are authorized to supervise doctoral candidates in the doctoral degree assessment and examination phase at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science.

(2) During the term of the Saarland University Associate Fellowship, academics are expected to show continuous commitment to the interests of the faculty in at least one of the following areas:

- (a) Significant research collaboration with members of the faculty (e.g. joint publications, jointly supervised doctoral research projects (dissertations), participation in joint funding applications of the faculty)
- (b) Significant contributions to joint public relations and joint recruitment of new students
- (c) Significant support for the study programmes offered by the faculty, provided this support is necessary and in agreement with the Dean of Studies (e.g. regularly holding core lecture courses).

The time commitment should be no less than approximately 50 hours per semester.

(3) Participation in the Saarland University Associate Fellowship only entitles the holder to supervise doctoral candidates. The regulations of Saarland University on the award of teaching assignments apply with regard to the performance of teaching activities. The supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses by external examiners is governed by the examination and

study regulations of the faculty as well as the performance regulations of the examination boards.

## **Section 6 Extension and termination**

The Saarland University Associate Fellowship shall end after five years. It can be extended permanently by the Faculty Council on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee. To this end, the fellowship holder can submit a subsequent application to the Dean's Office containing an overview of the commitments demonstrated in accordance with Section 5(2) and a brief outline of the commitments planned for the future. As a rule, the extension shall be granted if the obligations set out in Section 5(2) have been fulfilled. The Saarland University Associate Fellowship and the associated right to supervise doctoral candidates shall end if the researcher leaves the research institute and/or has not fulfilled the obligations pursuant to Section 5(2) for a longer period of time. Doctoral candidates who were entered into the faculty's doctoral candidate list prior to the date on which the researcher's Associate Fellowship ended may continue to be supervised until the end of their doctorate for up to five years after said date.

## **Section 7 Commencement**

These regulations shall come into force on the day after they are announced in the Official Bulletin of the Institutions of Higher Education in Saarland (*Dienstblatt der Hochschulen des Saarlandes*).

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