

Declaration of commitment when applying for an MD scholarship: *iRTG MD scholarship*

Part 1: Supervision for the funding period

(Applicant)

I hereby assure that Ms / Mr will be supervised by Ms / Mr continuously for the period of her / his TRR259-funded iRTG MD scholarship.

I make a binding promise that the doctoral candidate will have a position at the clinic / institute for the duration of their project and assure her / him that I will provide her / him with the work opportunities required to carry out the project during this period.

Place and date

Signature (Group leader of the TRR259)

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Part 2: Requirements for TRR259 doctoral fellows

Admission to the iRTG-TRR259 is associated with a number of requirements / obligations. For easy orientation, these requirements are listed here point-by-point. We ask you to adhere to these guidelines; if anything is unclear, please contact the coordination office.

2.1. Requirements after admission to the iRTG-TRR259

- Documented participation in 80 % of TRR259 lectures / seminars within one year
- Documented participation in one workshop offered by the TRR259.
- Documented participation in the monthly progress report meetings of the iRTG
- At the end of the fellowship, a final presentation of the achieved research results must be given at a progress report meeting of the iRTG
- Documented participation in the TRR259 Retreat
- Documented participation in the iRTG Summer School or Winter School
- Submission of a final report (approx. 5 pages, no later than 6 months after completing the doctoral thesis)

2.2. Scholarship requirements

- The doctoral candidates need to be present at the University of Bonn, Cologne, or Düsseldorf for the entire duration of the doctoral scholarship
- The applicant should commit to working on the doctoral thesis for 12 months. At least one semester off (vacation semester) must be taken. In some cases, two semesters off must be taken.
- It is not possible to do the PY during the funding period. Exceptions to this must be clarified in advance before the application is made, to determine whether they are compatible with funding. The same applies to any other short-term interruptions or shortening of the time in the laboratory.
- Stays in other laboratories, as part of the project work for the doctorate, are possible but must be communicated to the coordinator of the iRTG (Dr. Franziska Wienberg)
- There can be no funding from another institution.

2.3. Legal Status of the Scholarship

- The scholarship does not constitute an employment or service relationship; it is not considered remuneration within the meaning of § 14 SGB IV and is tax-exempt pursuant to § 3 No. 44 of the German Income Tax Act.
- You are therefore not obligated to perform any work subject to directives.
- Beyond the aforementioned obligations, no further compensatory services are expected.

I have taken note of the above requirements for the iRTG-TRR259 MD scholarship and I agree to them.

Date and signature of the project leader of the TRR259

Date and signature of the applicant