



FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Doctoral Degree Program Natural Sciences (Dr. rer. nat.)

Information for doctoral candidates

AT A GLANCE

Language of instruction	English / German
Credits	180
Standard period of study	3 years
Available places	unlimited
Application Deadlines	Application and admission to the program is possible anytime.
Admission requirements	Preliminary to the admission to our doctoral degree program, you should have been accepted as a doctoral candidate at the Faculty of Natural Sciences. For registration to the doctoral degree program, please submit the completely filled application for admission to the Dean's office.

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By providing interdisciplinary knowledge, the doctoral degree program complements the focus on the doctorate project through extensive comprehension and improved placement of the thesis topic within the scientific field.

Thomas Smylla, Post-doc, Dept. Biosensorics



Particularly for my application as a post-doc abroad, the additional qualifications acquired during the studies for the doctoral degree program and documented in the therefore issued record are of great advantage.

Aylin Güney, former doctoral student, Institute of Botany





ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Faculty of Natural Sciences offers a structured doctoral study program for doctoral candidates accepted at the Faculty of Natural Sciences. Two different research training groups are offered:

- Natural Sciences
- Biodiversity throughout times (in cooperation with the Stuttgart State Museum of Natural History)

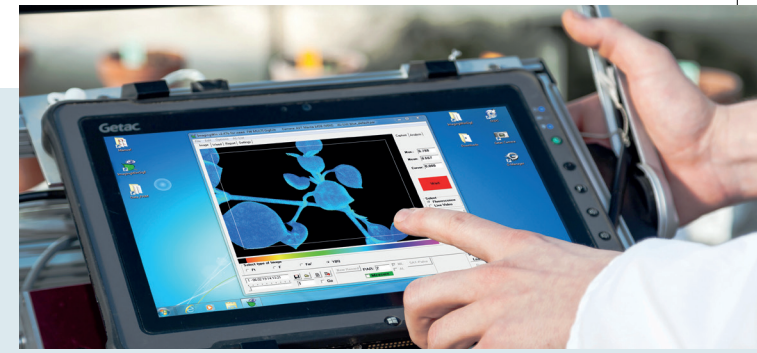
The goal of the doctoral study program is to give doctoral candidates in the Faculty of Natural Sciences structured assistance in completing their dissertation for the "Doctor of Natural Sciences (Dr. rer. nat.)" and to convey more in-depth subject knowledge, abilities, and methods reflecting the current state of natural scientific research and scientific methods.

STRUCTURE & CHARACTER

The doctoral candidates first and foremost complete their scientific research work and the modules of the doctoral degree program. The dissertation and the corresponding oral examination contribute 150 credits towards the program degree. In addition, at least four modules totaling at least 30 credits need to be completed during the program. All modules on offer are available at a minimum once a year.

Students choose modules from the following categories:

- Modules in which candidates deepen their knowledge in scientific methods and good research practice
- Attendance of summer schools and / or at least one national or international conference at which the results of the doctoral work is presented as a poster or presentation
- Specialization modules in which candidates acquire in-depth knowledge in the field of their dissertation
- Participate in teaching and advising tasks



The doctoral degree program is characterized by:

- Competitive selection of doctoral candidates, using transparent criteria
- Supervision by experienced scientists from various academic fields ("multifaceted supervision" – in personal and interdisciplinary terms)
- Continuous assessment of the training and doctoral procedure by the supervisory team
- Doctoral courses with the objective of imparting methodological, professional and interdisciplinary competence and key qualifications

STEPS IN THE DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM NATURAL SCIENCES

Interest

You are a doctoral candidate accepted to the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

You are interested in enrolling in the doctoral degree program Natural Sciences.

Application

Download the application form from the Faculty website.

You can submit the completed form to the Dean's Office at any time.

Admission

The doctoral committee decides on your admission and the modules to be completed.

Participation

You gain in-depth subject knowledge, skills and methodological knowledge in courses.

Receipt of performance records

Degree

Submit your performance records to the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

Receipt of a certificate

Complete your doctoral thesis (within a maximum of 6 years)