

Information sheet on the initial application for admission to doctoral studies

The regulation of § 11 of the doctoral regulations of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology introduced in July 2017 stipulates that every applicant planning to pursue a doctorate at our faculty, and optionally wishing to register as a doctoral student at RWTH Aachen University, must submit an initial application for admission to a doctorate.

This applies to academic staff at RWTH Aachen University as well as external doctoral candidates.

You will find a sample letter as a download, the required attachments are listed in that document. The confirmation of supervision is also available for download. A statement of the supervisor about additional requirements to be fulfilled is typically necessary in cases of academic degrees from universities of applied sciences, degrees from non-EU countries, or any other degrees that are not equivalent to a Master of Science by a German scientific university.

With the initial application for admission to a doctorate, both the doctoral regulations and the "Principles for Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice at RWTH Aachen University" are recognised.

The data collection form, which should be filled in by all internal and external doctoral students in order to create a valid data situation for the doctoral student statistics according to NRW federal state law, should be completed, printed out and enclosed with the initial application. The data privacy information can be found.

If the copies of the academic degrees or the admission requirements cannot be submitted yet along with the application, they should be proven by provisional certificates issued by the awarding university. Documents and certificates must be delivered within 6 months of the application being submitted.

To apply for admission to doctoral studies, it is sufficient to submit a simple copy together with the original certificate. Certified translations of documents which are not written in German or English must be enclosed.

In the meeting of the doctoral committee following your complete initial application, the application for admission to the doctorate will be decided. After the meeting you will receive a written notification of acceptance, acceptance with conditions, or rejection.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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