

International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems (IMPRS-IS)

Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) Regulations and Agreement

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1. A **Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)** is set up at the beginning of the doctoral project for each scholar of the International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems.
2. The TAC consists of **at least two IMPRS-IS faculty members**, one of which is the scholar's main doctoral advisor, plus **one additional person** who can be drawn from either the IMPRS-IS faculty or the IMPRS-IS associated faculty. The scholar can propose additional TAC members of their choice.
3. The core three TAC members must be **affiliated with at least two of the three institutions** that make up IMPRS-IS. At least one of these TAC members should have the right to independently supervise doctoral students at the university where the IMPRS-IS scholar intends to enroll.
4. The **scholar meets with their TAC approximately annually**. Through these meetings, the TAC helps guide the doctoral research project, reviews the progress of the scholar, and advises them on further research and professional development.
5. The scholar documents these meetings by **writing a summary** that is confidentially communicated to the coordination office through ZEBRA after approval by the TAC members.
6. Every scholar is required to **complete at least three TAC meetings before graduation**.
7. All TAC members and the scholar **must participate at the same time to constitute a valid TAC meeting**. The participants can meet either in person or virtually, as agreed upon by all TAC members.

*Scholar Name*_____
*Date*_____
*Signature*_____
Tentative Doctoral Project Title

Please attach a **half-page abstract** and a **half-page working plan** for the project, which constitute an integral part of this agreement.

The following scientists agree to be TAC members for the doctoral project identified above:

1.

*TAC Member Name (Doctoral Advisor)*_____
*Date*_____
Signature

2.

*TAC Member Name*_____
*Date*_____
Signature

3.

*TAC Member Name*_____
*Date*_____
Signature

4.

*TAC Member Name (optional)*_____
*Date*_____
Signature