

The present English translation of the official document "Satzung des hochschulübergreifenden Promotionszentrums „Nachhaltige intelligente Technologien für eine ressourcenoptimierte Produktion (NITRO)“ an der Technischen Hochschule Augsburg in Kooperation mit der Technischen Hochschule Deggendorf und der Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften Landshut“ is not legally binding and serves for information purposes only.

Based on Art. 9 sentence 1, 29 para. 5 sentence 5 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG) of 5 August 2022 (GVBl. p. 414, BayRS 2210-1-3-WK), which was last amended by section 1 of the law of 23 July 2024 (GVBl. p. 257) and section 23 para. 2 of the Basic Regulations of the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg of 15 February 2024, the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg issues the following statutes:

Statutes of the cross-university doctoral center "Sustainable Intelligent Technologies for Resource-Optimized Production (NITRO)" at the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg in cooperation with Deggendorf Institute of Technology and Landshut University of Applied Sciences

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Section 1 Scope of application, principles of elections and resolutions

- (1) These statutes regulate the structure, organisation and composition of the academic institution at the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg (TUA) and the participating partner universities Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) and Landshut University of Applied Sciences (HaWL), hereinafter referred to as the "doctoral center".
- (2) Sections 53 para. 1 and 54 para. 1 sentence 1 GO-TUA apply to elections and resolutions within the scope of these statutes.

Section 2 Structure of the doctoral center

- (1) The Bavarian Universities of Applied Sciences TUA, DIT and HaWL work together in the cross-university doctoral center "NITRO".
- (2) ¹The doctoral center is based at TUA (host university), which has been granted the right to award doctorates for this doctoral center for a limited period of time.
²The participating partner universities (supervising universities) are bound by a cooperation agreement.
- (3) The doctoral center is structurally and organisationally embedded in the TUA Graduate School.
- (4) The financial year of the doctoral center is the calendar year.
- (5) The bodies of the doctoral center are
 - the Steering Committee and
 - the Advisory Board.

Section 3 Members and tasks of the doctoral center

- (1) Members of the doctoral center are
 1. the professors of all participating partner universities in accordance with Section 13 para. 1 sentence 1 no. 1 AVBayHIG and
 2. the doctoral candidates admitted to doctoral studies at "NITRO" doctoral center.
- (2) The central tasks of the doctoral center are the organisation and implementation of doctoral procedures at an academic level in accordance with the doctoral

regulations as well as the content-related and academic advice, training and support of doctoral candidates.

- (3) The members of the doctoral center have the right and the duty to participate in the fulfilment of the tasks of the doctoral center and to participate in its self-administration.
- (4) Doctoral candidates can utilise the academic resources of all partner universities.
- (5) ¹Professors who submit an application for membership of the doctoral center in accordance with section 13 para. 1 sentence 1 no. 4 b) AVBayHIG during the term of their right to award doctorates must fulfil the requirements according to section 13 para. 2 and 3 AVBayHIG. ²The application for admission to the doctoral center as a professorial member is addressed to the Steering Committee.
- (6) The membership of professorial members ends if the Steering Committee withdraws their membership or if a member applies for withdrawal from membership.
- (7) Possible reasons for withdrawal of membership are proven academic misconduct as well as failure to fulfil the doctoral criteria in accordance with section 13 para. 2, 3 AVBayHIG following the evaluation of the doctoral center.
- (8) The membership of doctoral candidates ends with the successful completion of the doctoral procedure or if a doctoral candidate applies for withdrawal or on the day of the final failure of the doctoral project.

Section 4 Steering Committee of the doctoral center

- (1) The tasks of the Steering Committee include
 1. The structural planning and strategic orientation of the doctoral center.
 2. ¹The scientific quality assurance of the doctoral procedures. ²For quality assurance, the Steering committee coordinates with the Advisory Board of the doctoral center and the TUA Graduate School office.
 3. ¹The decision on the admission of new professors to the doctoral center during the term of the time limit on the right to award doctorates. ²Provided that they fulfil the requirements set out in section 13 para. 1 sentence 1 no. 4 b) AVBayHIG, the Steering Committee may decide on admission in consultation with the Ministry.

4. The information of all members of the doctoral center, all members of the Advisory Board of the doctoral center and the TUA Graduate School about newly admitted professors to the doctoral center.
- (2) The Steering Committee of the doctoral center consists of the following seven members:
1. an elected professorial member of the doctoral center from TUA,
 2. an elected professorial member of the doctoral center from DIT,
 3. an elected professorial member of the doctoral center from HaWL,
 4. an ombudsperson for good scientific practice from one of the participating universities,
 5. the head of the TUA Graduate School,
 - 6 two elected doctoral members.
- (3) ¹The professorial members of the Steering Committee and their respective deputies are elected for four years by all professorial members of the doctoral center. ²Re-election is possible.
- (4) Membership of the ombudsperson rotates between the partners involved, starting with the TUA, and is rotated every two years.
- (5) ¹The doctoral members of the Steering Committee and their respective deputies are elected by all doctoral candidates of the Doctoral Centre for a period of two years. ²Re-election is possible.
- (6) If a Steering Committee member leaves prematurely, a successor is elected for the remaining term of office.
- (7) The elected professorial member of the TUA takes over the role of spokesperson for the Steering Committee and reports to the Advisory Board.
- (8) ¹After its election, the Steering Committee determines the frequency of its meetings. ²The Steering Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

Section 5 Advisory Board of the doctoral center

- (1) The Advisory Board acts as a scientific supervisory board and advises the Steering Committee on the strategic direction of the doctoral center and on quality assurance measures.
- (2) The Advisory Board may also make suggestions to the Steering Committee for improving the doctoral processes.

(3) ¹The Advisory Board is composed of

1. the vice presidents responsible for the TUA of the universities involved in the doctoral center and
2. two professors from other universities with doctoral experience and research activities that are thematically related to the research questions of the doctoral center.

²The Advisory Board members according to sentence 1 no. 2 are appointed by the TUA Executive Board in consultation with the participating universities for a period of four years, whereby reappointment is possible. ³At least one of the two professors should belong to the gender underrepresented in the doctoral center.

(4) The Advisory Board meets at least once a year.

Section 6 Financing

¹The doctoral center is financed by allocations from the funds of the participating partner universities. ²The cooperation agreement regulates the details.

Section 7 Entry into force

These statutes enter into force on December 15, 2024.

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