Important: Non-official version

Only the German version of the Statutes (Satzung) is legally binding. The English translation is provided for persons who do not understand German.

Statutes of the Doctoral Research Centre for Social Sciences with Specialisations in Globalisation, European Integration and Interculturality at Fulda University of Applied Sciences of 10 November 2016

The Presidential Board of Fulda University of Applied Sciences adopted the following statutes after they were approved by the Senate on 9 November 2016:

Article 1 Name and legal status

(1) The Doctoral Research Centre for Social Sciences with Specialisations in Globalisation, European Integration and Interculturality at Fulda University of Applied Sciences is a central academic institution according to Article 7 of the Constitution (Grundordnung der Hochschule Fulda) and will be established on 1 January 2017.

(2) The institution bears the name Doctoral Research Centre for Social Sciences with Specialisations in Globalisation, European Integration and Interculturality at Fulda University of Applied Sciences, referred to in the following as “Doctoral Research Centre”.

(3) The Doctoral Research Centre acts under the authority of the President of Fulda University of Applied Sciences.

(4) The Doctoral Research Centre is the institutional basis of Fulda University’s right to award doctoral degrees for the field of study with a strong research focus in accordance with Art. 4 (3) of the Hesse Higher Education Act (HHG) in the version of 30 November 2015.

Article 2 Goals and tasks

(1) The goal of the Doctoral Research Centre is to offer junior researchers at Fulda University structured support in the area of research-oriented education in issues relating to developments in globalisation, Europeanisation and interculturality.

(2) The task of the Doctoral Research Centre is to support all participating institutions at the University, students interested in taking a doctoral degree, doctoral students and supervising professors by providing advice, supervision and academic training to promote doctoral projects, insofar as these tasks are not the responsibility of other departments at Fulda University. This includes:

- providing advisory services,

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1 New Art. 4 (3) HessHG of 14 December 2021
• administrative supervision,
• organisational handling of doctoral procedures,
• providing a skills and qualifications training programme for doctoral students,
• the professional development and organisation of support services for professors who supervise or review doctoral degrees,
• supporting established research training groups and doctoral programmes,
• advising university members and staff about creating, maintaining and developing beneficial environments and programmes.

Article 3 Membership

(1) Members of the Doctoral Research Centre are:

• a professor at Fulda University of Applied Sciences as Head of the Doctoral Research Centre, who is appointed by the University’s Presidential Board,
• professors at Fulda University and other universities of applied sciences who meet the criteria for sufficient research activity for approval of the right to award doctoral degrees for research-intensive areas and who have been approved by the Head of the Doctoral Research Centre and their deputy,
• if applicable, staff members assigned to the Doctoral Research Centre,
• doctoral students in the subject area of Social Sciences with Specialisations in Globalisation, European Integration and Interculturality at Fulda University.

(2) The members have the right and duty to help fulfil the tasks of the Doctoral Research Centre and to participate in its self-governance in accordance with these statutes.

(3) Membership ends if the Head of the Doctoral Research Centre withdraws admission or a member applies for resignation.

Article 4 Bodies

The bodies of the Doctoral Research Centre are:

• the Centre Board (Art. 5) and
• the Head of the Doctoral Research Centre (Art. 6).

Article 5 Centre Board

(1) The Centre Board of the Doctoral Research Centre is made up of:

• the Head of the Doctoral Research Centre,
• five representatives of the group of professors who meet the criteria for sufficient research activity for approval of the right to award doctoral degrees for
research-intensive areas,

- if applicable, one member of the Doctoral Research Centre, and
- four doctoral candidates.

(2) The members of the Centre Board not appointed by the Presidential Board are elected by the members of the groups that belong to the Doctoral Research Centre for a term of three years, doctoral candidates for a term of one year.

(3) The Centre Board of the Doctoral Research Centre has a quorum if at least six members are present in addition to the Head of the Centre. It decides by a majority of its members present.

(4) The member of the Presidential Board responsible for Research and Development is invited to the meetings of the Centre Board and has an advisory role; he/she may be represented.

(5) The Centre Board decides on all matters of fundamental importance, unless otherwise regulated by law, the Constitution of Fulda University of Applied Sciences or these Statutes. This includes, in particular:

- decisions about the structural planning or strategic orientation in Social Sciences with Specialisations in Globalisation, European Integration and Interculturality ([sic] relevant research),
- further development of the Doctoral Degree Regulations,
- development of the programme of events (e.g. Doctoral Research Group, methodological workshops, project management, application training, etc.) for doctoral students
- development and safeguarding of quality standards,
- election of the deputy head of the Doctoral Research Centre from the members of Centre Board who are professors.

**Article 6 Head of the Doctoral Research Centre**

(1) The Head of the Doctoral Research Centre is typically appointed for a three-year term. The Presidential Board may decide on a different term of office. Re-appointment is possible.

(2) The Head of the Doctoral Research Centre may be represented by another member of the Centre Board.

(3) The Head represents the Doctoral Research Centre in its scientific affairs internally and externally.

(4) The Head conducts the business of the Doctoral Research Centre and implements the decisions of the Centre Board, if necessary with the support of the Doctoral Research Centre staff. Duties include, in particular:

- organisational facilitation of the implementation of the University's right to award doctorates in the research-intensive area of Social Sciences with Specialisations in Globalisation, European Integration and Interculturality,
- approval of professorships which have been applied for and which meet the criteria proving they have the required research strength; approval takes place in
agreement with the deputy Head of the Centre according to Art. 5 (5), second sentence, last bullet point, and with the written consent of the Hessian Ministry of Science and the Arts,
- coordination with the Doctoral Committee
- organisation and implementation of the event programme,
- implementation of the Doctoral Research Centre’s budget planning,
- administration and deployment of available staff, funds and facilities,
- external presentation of the Doctoral Research Centre, whereby Art. 38 (1) first sentence of HHG\textsuperscript{2} shall remain unaffected,
- compliance with the annual reporting obligation (financial and factual report) toward the Presidential Board,
- further development of structured support for junior researchers at the University,
- cooperation with participating departments, institutions and divisions.

**Article 7 Continuation regulation**

In the event of the dissolution of the Doctoral Research Centre or a supervisor’s departure from the Doctoral Research Centre, ongoing doctoral procedures may be brought to a conclusion. This also applies irrespective of the outcome of the evaluation of the right to confer doctorates.

**Article 8 Funding**

The Doctoral Research Centre is financed by:
- central University budget funds,
- third-party, federal or state funds that are acquired or are available for its tasks,
- donations.

**Article 9 Entry into force**

These regulations enter into force on 1 January 2017.

\textsuperscript{2} New Art. 44 (1) first sentence of HessHG of 14 December 2021