



The Graduate School of Life Sciences

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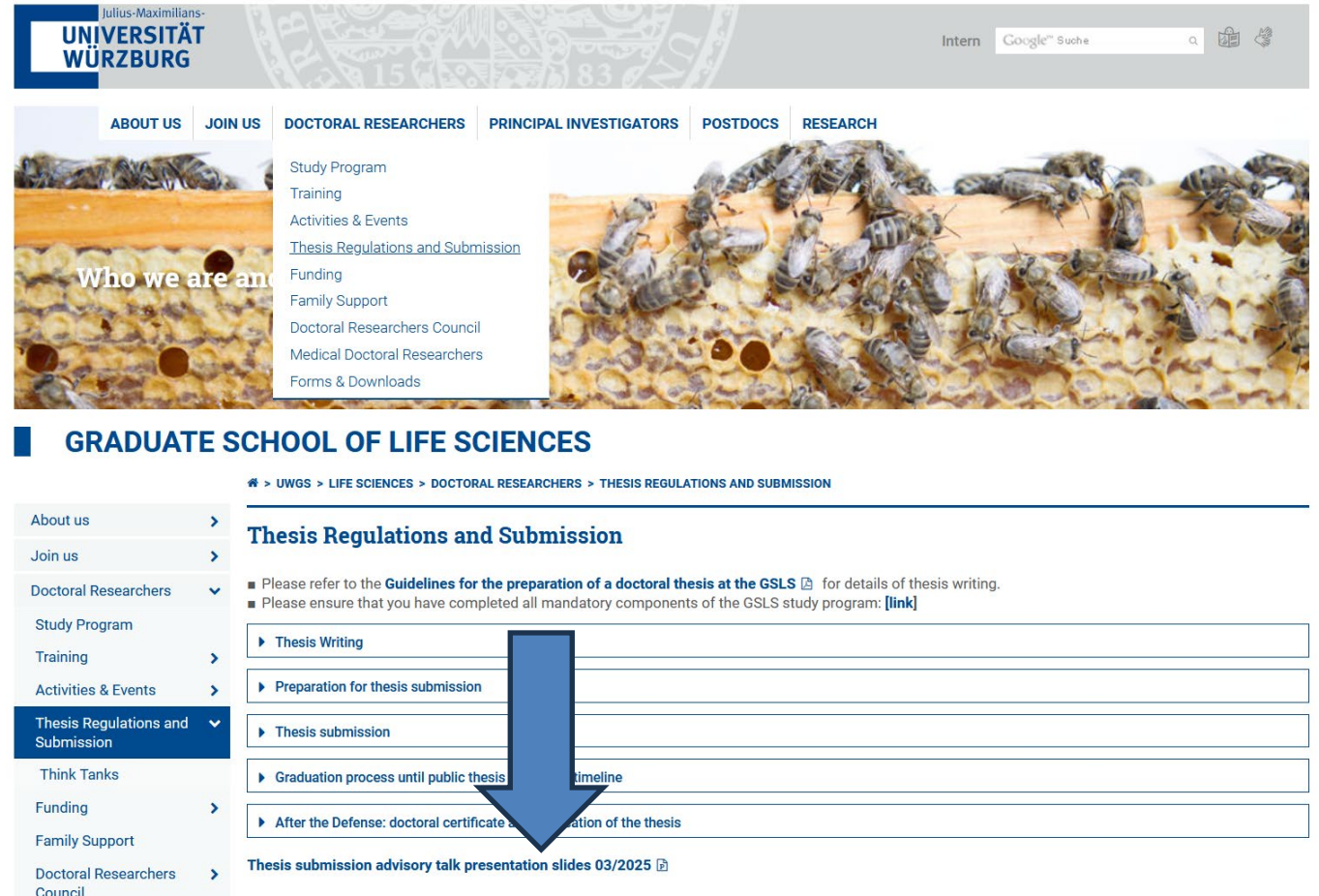
Thesis submission advisory talk

<https://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life-sciences/doctoral-researchers/thesis-regulations-and-submission/>

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The screenshot displays the website of the University of Würzburg Graduate School of Life Sciences. The header includes the university logo and a search bar. The main navigation menu is visible, with a dropdown menu for 'DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS' showing various options. The 'Thesis Regulations and Submission' page is selected, and a large blue arrow points to the 'Thesis submission' link in the navigation menu. The page content includes a list of links for thesis writing, preparation, submission, graduation process, and post-defense procedures. A link to 'Thesis submission advisory talk presentation slides 03/2025' is also present.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

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Thesis Regulations and Submission

- Please refer to the [Guidelines for the preparation of a doctoral thesis at the GSLS](#) for details of thesis writing.
- Please ensure that you have completed all mandatory components of the GSLS study program: [link](#)

▶ Thesis Writing

▶ Preparation for thesis submission

▶ Thesis submission

▶ Graduation process until public thesis timeline

▶ After the Defense: doctoral certificate and graduation of the thesis

Thesis submission advisory talk presentation slides 03/2025

The whole process from GSLS registration to thesis submission

Thesis submission and doctoral procedure

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- Please check **your admission in Open Campus.**
- Without a valid admission submission of your thesis is not possible.
- Admission vs enrollment (Dr. rer. nat./PhD vs Dr. med./Dr. med. dent.)

Doktor der Naturwissenschaften (Dr. rer. nat.)

Biomedicine

Lehrstuhl für Biotechnologie und Biophysik

Start Date of Thesis Project : **01.03.2022**

Admission Date: **02.06.2022**

Admission for Research Project is valid until: **28.02.2025**

Enrollment is valid until end of **WS 2023/24**

DOCTORAL THESIS SUBMISSION V11.24Name: Date:

Chairperson:

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Background

- The **chairperson is a member of the GSLS Common Graduation Commission** or appointed by the Common Graduation Commission
- The chairperson accompanies your doctoral procedure as an **independent person** and makes sure that the procedure follows the **regulations of the GSLS**
- The chairperson is thus NOT a reviewer or an examiner during your thesis defence
- The chairperson receives and signs the official documents for your defense, including your preliminary doctoral certificate
→ Please make sure to always include the chairperson when planning your defense date

Selection of a chairperson

➤ Dr. rer. nat/PhD

- **List of possible chairpersons:**

<https://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life-sciences/about-us/contact/common-graduation-commission/>

- We will select the chairperson (place, section and your topic)
- **Procedure:**
→ The GSLS will officially send a request to the chairperson(s) and will notify you by email

➤ MD

- **Procedure:**

→ The GSLS will officially send a request to Prof. Dr. Üceyler and will notify you by email

Section 1. To be checked/discussed

Dr. rer. nat./PhD



1st Author Paper: Must be **accepted in a peer-reviewed journal** at thesis submission.

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OpenCampus:

Upload annual reports, certificates, study book info.



Verify your personal email address



Correct Section: Thesis section must match that of your **1st supervisor**.



Enrollment: Minimum **6 semesters** required – we'll check.



Admission Validity: Must be valid **until thesis submission** (not defense).

→ Apply for **extension via OpenCampus**, if needed.

Section 1. To be checked/discussed MD/Dr. med./ Dr. med. dent.



Co-Author Paper: Must be **accepted in a peer-reviewed journal** at thesis submission.

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Lab Time: Please send **supervisor confirmation** on time spent in lab/**Freisemester**

















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Medical Students: Must be **enrolled in “Promotionsstudiengang”** after M3 – send **Immatrikulationsbescheinigung**.

Module	Regulations for Dr. med./MD/Dr. med. dent.	Regulations for Dr. rer. nat./PhD
Progress Meetings	Start-up and 1 or 2 bi-annual meeting(s)	Start-up meeting & at least 3 annual progress meetings
Lab Meeting	1 hour per week, organized by the working group	1 hour per week, organized by the working group
Literature Seminar	1 hour per week, organized by the working group	1 hour per week, organized by the working group
Program or Section Seminar (Jour Fixe)	-	1 - 2 times per month
Retreat or Summer School	At least one	Annually (in total ≥ 3)
International Meetings/Symposia	At least one with active scientific contribution	In total ≥ 3 with active scientific contribution
Scientific Publication	Co-Author publication	First-Author publication
Elective Activity	One Elective Activity in total (Scientific course or Transferable skill course or Research Stay)	One Elective Activity per semester (Scientific course (in total ≥ 3) and Transferable skill course (in total ≥ 3))
Good scientific practice course	mandatory	mandatory
Intercultural communication	mandatory for PhD	-
Interdisciplinary seminar	in total ≥ 9 participations including introductory and final talk	-

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		Documents	Actions
▼ Reports and Extension Requests			
▼ Basic information			
Reports basic information			
▼ Meeting Reports			
Meeting Report			
Extension Requests			
Study Break Request			
▼ Study Book			
Mandatory Elements			
Lab Meeting / Group Seminar			
Literature Seminar / Journal Club			
Research Training Group Seminar (Jour Fixe)			
International Meetings / Symposia			
Scientific Publications			
Retreat / Summer School			
Good Scientific Practice			
Electives			
Scientific course / Seminar / Lectures			
Transferable Skills Course / Seminar / Workshop			
Research Stay			
Additional			
Additional Activities			

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Both types considered equivalent

One accepted co-author publication in a peer-reviewed international journal is mandatory for graduation

➤ **Bürgschaft (guarantee)** by primary supervisor is possible

One accepted first author publication or resp. **Bürgschaft** required for the grades "Magna cum laude" or "Summa cum laude" (PhD and Dr. rer. nat.)

	Monograph Thesis	Chapter-Based Thesis
Format	One continuous document	Collection of related articles or manuscripts
Content	Unpublished, original work	Based on published or submitted papers
Flow	Tells one cohesive story	Papers may be more independent, but linked
Authorship	You are the author	Chapters may have co-authors (your role must be clear)
Intro & Discussion	One general introduction and final discussion	General intro + summary chapter tying papers together



Following these guidelines carefully is essential to avoid thesis rejection and reprint.

https://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/fileadmin/43030100/2024/Guidelines_Thesis_V4_Januar_2025.pdf

◆ Introduction

Provide a **comprehensive description** of:

The **aims of your research**

The **key research questions**

How these are addressed in the **included articles and manuscripts**

Include a **review of the relevant background literature**

End with a clear and concise description of the overall aims of the thesis

◆ Summarising Discussion

Go beyond repeating the individual article results!

Provide a **holistic reflection** on:

The **overall aims** and how the work fits together

Failed approaches or **modifications** during the work

Links between the projects and manuscripts

Demonstrate **critical thinking** and place your results in a **broader scientific context**

Discuss:

Limitations

Theoretical and practical implications

How the research **advances the field**

Ideas for **future work**

Key Points: Compilation Thesis (Manuscript-Based)

Must include **at least two research articles or manuscripts**, framed by an **introduction** and a **final discussion**.

Articles must be **published, accepted, or ready for peer-reviewed journals** and follow standard structure (abstract, intro, methods, results, discussion)

Technical papers or systematic reviews (not narrative reviews) may also be included.

The candidate must be **(co-)first author on at least two articles** and clearly state **individual contributions** using GSLS templates.

Introduction and discussion chapters are key to demonstrating **independent research competence**

A publication related to your thesis is required, and your contribution to the publication must be significant.

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Guidelines for preparation and submission of a doctoral thesis (Ph.D./Dr. rer. nat.) at the GSLS (V3.0)

The aim of the doctoral thesis is to compile the candidate's work as a doctoral researcher, and to contextualise and discuss the work in relation to the broader research field. As decided by the GSLS Common Graduation Commission ("Gemeinsame Promotionskommission") on 10th February 2022, the thesis may be prepared in the form of a monograph ("Monographie") or a manuscript/chapter-based compilation thesis ("Manuskript-/Kapitel-basierte Thesis"). Both thesis types are considered equivalent; there is no *a priori* difference in quality constituted by the choice whether a thesis is written as a monograph or as a compilation thesis. In either case, it is essential that the thesis forms a cohesive body of work.

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Submitting Thesis Without First Authorship – Your Options



Option 1: Supervisor Guarantee

- Supervisor confirms 1st-author paper is in progress
- Full grading possible (incl. *Summa*, *Magna*)
- ⚠ Usually **only one guarantee** per PI or a relevant explanation



Option 2: Immediate Submission Without 1st Authorship

- Start doctoral procedure **right away**
- ❌ Not eligible for *Summa* or *Magna cum laude*
- ▶ **At least one accepted co-authorship required**



Important: Discuss both options **early** with your **primary supervisor!**

Submitting Thesis Without Co-Authorship – Your Option



Option 1: Supervisor Guarantee

- Supervisor guarantees a **co-author** publication
- Allows full grading (*incl. Summa, Magna*)
- ⚠ Usually more than **one guarantee** per supervisor



Option 2: Immediate Submission Without Co-Authorship is NOT possible

-  **Submission via the Medical Faculty is not an option**



Clear communication with your supervisor is key!

Important:

Your **first supervisor** decides whether to provide a **guarantee**.



Submit all files (PDFs or text files) via Open Campus [[Guarantee request](#) | [Graduate School of Life Sciences](#)]



At least 10 days before the Graduation Commission meeting!

Required Documents:

1. Manuscript including supplementary information

- Or a **detailed outline** showing your contributions (if not finished)



Please include:

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2. Latest Thesis Version

- Should be **advanced** and **close to submission**

3. Supervisor Letter confirming:

- Current **status** of your dissertation
- That your **(co-)authorship remains valid** through revisions
- No delay in the doctoral process due to the guarantee
- Whether the guarantee is for a **first** or **co-author** publication

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A Relevant Publication Is Mandatory

- **Publication** must be **directly related** to your doctoral research.
- It must be **peer-reviewed** and **scientifically recognized**.



Your Contribution Must Be Significant

- You must have made a **substantial intellectual contribution** to the publication.
- Examples include:
 - Study design
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Writing and revising the manuscript
- **Minor involvement** (e.g., technical assistance or data collection only) is **not sufficient**.



Why This Matters

- Ensures that doctoral work meets **scientific standards**.
- Confirms your **active participation** and ownership of the research.
- Aligns with **good scientific practice** and doctoral regulations.

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 - These are usually members of your **thesis committee**

Reviewer Selection

① First Reviewer:



- ✓ Your **first supervisor**

② Second Reviewer:

- ✓ A **second person** from your thesis committee

- Must be a **Prof. or PD** (Junior PIs must be GSLS members)
- Must be affiliated with a **different institute/clinic** than your first supervisor
- Can be an **external** person
- If external & not yet on your committee: they **automatically become a member**

Important Requirements

- ✓ **At least one reviewer** must **not be a co-author** of your publication
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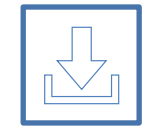
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- ▶ Publication: ☐ First author publication ☐ Co-author publication
☐ Guarantee - *if you don't have a published first author publication*

☐ Thesis title (German):

☐ Thesis title (English):

☐ Members of the committee:

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☐ Reviewers confirmed by thesis committee:

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☐ At least one reviewer must NOT be a co-author of your publications included in your dissertation. This requirement only refers to your own publications, not the works cited in your dissertation.

☐ *Regardless of the thesis format, I ensure that all illustrations and texts are not sourced from publications (including my own), unless explicitly stated in the respective figure legend or within the text. The same principle applies to modified figures and texts as well. If approval from the publisher is required, I have obtained it.*

2. To be submitted to the GSLS office at thesis submission (please make an appointment!)

- ☐ Copy of ID card **OR** marriage certificate - *if you got married, please provide a copy*
- ☐ "Immatrikulationsbescheinigung" for semester of thesis submission **OR** civil service working contract (copy) **OR** certificate of good conduct (type "O") (*see above*) Application for Conferral of a Doctorate - form (GSLS Website, Thesis Submission)
- ☐ Written confirmation by the Thesis Committee - form; Original signatures required (GSLS Website, Thesis Submission)
- ☐ Declaration Library - form (GSLS Website, Thesis Submission)
- ☐ Electronic version (PDF) of the doctoral thesis on CD or USB – including CV
- ☐ Thesis - 5 copies + additional copies for committee members who want a printed copy:
 - ☐ DIN A4, bound (soft or hard binding acceptable, double-sided printing accepted)
 - ☐ Numbered pages
 - ☐ Title page (GSLS Website, Thesis Submission):
 - ☐ Thesis title in both German and in English language
 - ☐ Section (Biomedicine, Integrative Biology, Neuroscience, Infection and Immunity, Clinical Sciences)
 - ☐ Names of all Thesis Committee members
 - ☐ Blank field for the name of the chairperson
 - ☐ List of contents (Inhaltsverzeichnis)
 - ☐ Summary in both German and in English language
 - ☐ List of References/Bibliography (Literaturverzeichnis)
 - ☐ Publication list
 - ☐ CV – Original signature (after printing) required
 - ☐ Affidavit (eidesstattliche Erklärung) - Original signature (after printing) required
 - ☐ Form Statement of individual author contributions and of legal second publication rights
 - ☐ Form Statement of individual author contributions to figures/tables

3. Will be handed out by GSLS office at thesis submission:

☐ Confirmation (Laufzettel) GSLS office

All forms to be completed can be found on the GSLS homepage (http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life_sciences/) in the menu options under Doctoral Researchers -> Thesis Submission)



Upon submitting your thesis (both PDF and printed copies), you will receive a **Laufzettel** (Process Sheet). This document confirms your submission with signatures from both yourself and the GSLS administrator.



Keep the Laufzettel safe – you'll need it again after your defense for the thesis publication via the University Library (see Section 4).



Once you submit the Laufzettel, along with all required documents from Section 4, to the University Library, they will confirm your thesis publication by signing the Laufzettel. The signed document will then be returned directly to the GSLS Office.



Final certificates ("Urkunde") will only be issued once we receive the signed Laufzettel from the University Library after your defense.

After submitting your thesis, the evaluation process will begin. Please allow at least **10-12 weeks** (or longer) for the following steps. Note: A "summa cum laude" procedure may take additional time due to an extra evaluation step.

- **Submission & Sending Thesis to Committee:**
3 - 5 days
- **Evaluation by First and Second Reviewer:**
4 - 8 weeks
- **For "Summa Cum Laude" Grade – External Evaluation:**
At least 5 weeks (often longer)
- **Processing Evaluations & Grading (Thesis Committee + Chairperson):**
5 - 10 days
- **Mandatory Electronic Display of Thesis in GSLS:**
2 weeks + 1 additional day
- **Announcement of Defense:**
At least 7 days prior to the defense date

Important: Please send the date, time, and exact room address **at least 10 days in advance.**

Defense Organization:

You are responsible for coordinating the defense date with your thesis committee

Thesis Display Phase

- Final arrangements for your defense should only be made ***once your thesis enters the electronic display phase.***
- **Defense details confirmed** only after thesis is accepted at the end of the display phase.
- We will inform you once the thesis is on electronic display and assist with defense preparation.

Important Guidelines

- Refer to the [current regulations for GSLS doctoral defenses](#) for GSLS doctoral defenses.
- Follow [these guidelines](#) when planning your defense in the GSLS building.

In-Person Attendance

- **Doctoral candidate, thesis committee, and chairperson** must attend the defense in person.
- **Exceptions:** If a committee member is located outside of Würzburg.

Hybrid Defense

- Supported only if **external committee members** participate via **Zoom** and it's otherwise impossible to schedule a date.

Minute Taker

Assign a minute taker (must hold a PhD).

Nominated by the **first supervisor** and must attend **in person**

Invitation Details

Invitations sent **7 days** before the defense date.

Personal invitation for chairperson and thesis committee members.

Defense Structure


Presentation: 25-30 minutes

Q&A session follows presentation.

Organisation of the Public Defense

You are responsible for organizing the defense date with your thesis committee.

What is it?



- The Diploma Supplement is an official document that summarizes all your PhD accomplishments, **signed by the GSLS Dean** 

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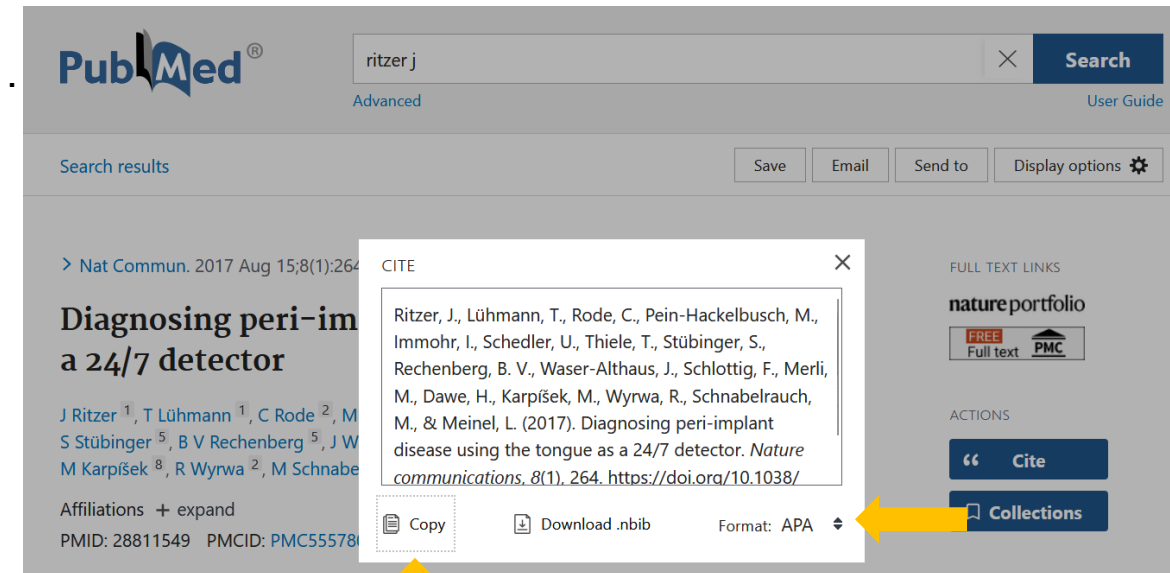
- It's automatically generated based on the information you enter in **OpenCampus**, specifically from your **study book**



Important:

- Ensure your study book entries are **accurate** and **consistent** .
- Use **APA Style** for citing publications .

Email-Contact for questions:
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J Ritzer ¹, T Lühmann ¹, C Rode ², M S Stübinger ⁵, B V Rechenberg ⁵, J W M Karpišek ⁸, R Wyrwa ², M Schnabelrauch ¹, & Meinel, L. (2017). Diagnosing peri-implant disease using the tongue as a 24/7 detector. *Nature communications*. 8(1), 264. <https://doi.org/10.1038/>

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ACTIONS



Submission of University Library Copies

- After a successful defense, you must submit the required copies of your dissertation to the university library for archiving.
- This is a mandatory step for the completion of your doctoral process.



Deadline: Maximum 1 Year After the Defense

- You must submit your dissertation within one year after your defense.
- If you fail to do so within this timeframe, your right to hold the doctoral title will be revoked.



Use of the Doctoral Title

- You are only allowed to officially use your doctoral title after you have received the final doctoral certificate.
- The defense alone does not entitle you to use the title yet.



Administrative Processing Takes Time

- The final administrative steps, including issuing your certificate, require some time.
- Please be patient while your documents are processed.

The whole process from GSLS registration to thesis submission

Thesis submission and doctoral procedure

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Do you have any questions?

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§12 Submission:	Five printed copies and one electronic version	Eight printed copies and one electronic version
§14 Evaluation:	At least one reviewer must not be a co-author your publications.	
§15 Colloquium:	Online participation allowed for committee members unable to attend for valid reasons	If an external committee member cannot attend the colloquium, the Graduate School Director may assign their tasks to a suitable substitute proposed by the absent evaluator.
§17 Publication:	Three copies to the university library	Five copies to the university library.