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Case

Conditions for approving an application for double doctoral degrees at Chalmers

Background

The ability to offer a double doctoral degree from Chalmers and its partner university promotes international cooperation between the universities and exposes doctoral students to other research environments.

Demand for double doctoral degrees has increased in recent years, both from Chalmers researchers and from researcher colleagues at foreign universities. The Vice President of Graduate Education receives applications on a regular basis, all of which vary in form and structure. Special templates for this purpose have been used by following either Chalmers' model or the model of the foreign partner university. Regardless of which model is followed, there are certain requirements set by Chalmers that determine whether the application can be fully processed, whether it comes from Chalmers or abroad.

In order to be approved for a double doctoral degree, the doctoral student must be registered at both higher education institutions, and planning and agreements must be made in the beginning of the doctoral student's programme in relation to fulfilment of the doctoral degree course requirements, the doctoral student's funding, the thesis, and the diploma.

Decision

To start the process for a double doctoral degree, the doctoral student must be enrolled at both universities, and the doctoral student must not have completed more than one-third of their doctoral programme at the time the application for double doctoral degree is submitted for consideration. The doctoral student must meet Chalmers' course credit requirement, the doctoral student's funding must be secured, and a thesis shall lead to two doctoral degree diplomas – one from each university. Other provisions are specified in Chalmers' template for Agreement for Granting Double Doctoral Degrees.

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Appended:

Template for Agreement for Granting
Double Doctoral Degrees

Notified parties:

Graduate Education Board via Gun Fornell
Heads of department at Chalmers

[Agreement with appendix in English, 3 + 2 pages, follows]