International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems (IMPRS-IS)  
Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) Regulations and Agreement  
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1. For each scholar of the International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems at the University of Stuttgart or at the University of Tübingen, a Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) is set up at the beginning of the PhD project.

2. The TAC consists of at least two IMPRS-IS faculty members, one of which is the scholar’s main PhD 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 her or his choice.

3. The core three TAC members must be affiliated with at least two of the three institutions that make up the IMPRS-IS. At least one of these TAC members must have the right to independently supervise PhD students at the university where the IMPRS-IS scholar intends to enroll.

4. The TAC approves the PhD project, reviews the progress of the scholar, and advises her or him on further studies and research. The TAC also approves a thesis as ready for submission. When it can be foreseen that a PhD project will not be successfully finished, the TAC can recommend to discontinue the project; this recommendation has to be confirmed by the IMPRS-IS executive board and/or spokesperson.

5. The TAC meets at least once per year with the scholar and documents these meetings by written minutes with an executive summary confidentially communicated with the coordination office. These meetings shall preferentially take place in months 6-9, 15-18, and 30-33 after the beginning of the PhD project. On request of the scholar or one of the TAC members, the TAC can also meet in between these standard meeting times.

6. 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 PhD 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 PhD project identified above:

1. TAC Member Name (PhD Advisor) ____________________________ Date ____________ Signature ________________

2. TAC Member Name ____________________________ Date ____________ Signature ________________

3. TAC Member Name ____________________________ Date ____________ Signature ________________

4. TAC Member Name (optional) ____________________________ Date ____________ Signature ________________