

Directives governing the supervision of a doctoral thesis by a person who is neither a full nor an associate professor

These directives are based on the *Regulation of the 12th May 2003 concerning the award of the grade of Doctor by the Faculty of Science at the University of Fribourg* (hereafter Regulation).

1. Titular professors, “privat-docents”, senior lecturers (MER) and lecturers (MA) have the right to supervise a doctoral thesis (= thesis supervisor) under 2 conditions:

- That they carry out independent research and dispose of adequate financial support for the proposed thesis
- That they obtain the support of a professor belonging to the Faculty willing to co-sign Annex I of the Regulation (Inscription for doctoral research). This professor thereby agrees to sponsor the doctorate.

2. When the above 2 conditions have been satisfied, the Faculty is consulted according to the normal procedure for the application concerning doctoral studies.

3. Should the thesis supervisor leave the Faculty, 2 possibilities are available:

- The doctoral candidate may also leave the Faculty, in which case the obligations of the Faculty and that of the sponsor cease.
- The doctoral candidate may chose to remain at the Faculty in order to continue his studies. In this case the sponsor becomes the thesis supervisor

4. Composition of the thesis jury (Regulation, Art. 15):

If the thesis supervisor is an external titular professor, at least one of the jury members, other than the jury president, must be a professor at the Faculty. The sponsor is not automatically a member of the jury. Should this be the case, then another member of the jury, other than the jury president, must be a professor.

The present directive was unanimously accepted by the Faculty Board on the 26th May 2008.

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