

Credit Point System

During the PhD program credit points have to be collected and documented in the RIGeL 'Leistungsheft'. The CP-value is equivalent to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). 1 ECTS corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of work (0.3 CP corresponds to one day of work).

Thesis	150	CP
Research Plan - within first 3 months	5	CP
1st Research Report - after 11 to 13 months	10	CP
2nd Research Report - after 23 to 25 months	15	CP
Dissertation	120	CP
Career Supporting Courses	8	CP*
Method Courses (1 day = 0.3 CP; 1/2 day=0.15 CP)	3	CP*
Teaching Assistance (1 day = 0.3 CP; 1/2 day=0.15 CP)	2	CP*
Other Career Supporting Events (1 day = 0.3 CP; 1/2 day = 0.15 CP)	1	CP*
Seminars	14	CP*
Summer Schools (2 CP each)	4	CP*
Progress Reports	5	CP*
Journal Club	5	CP*
Meetings	4	CP*
Conferences/ Meeting participation (2 CP each)	4	CP*
Free Points	4	CP*
Total of Credit Points (minimally required)	180	CP*

* minimum number of required CPs within each module



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About us

The Regensburg International Graduate School of Life Sciences (RIGeL) offers a well-structured PhD program for young scientists in the field of Life Sciences. RIGeL is an interdisciplinary institution of the biological and medical faculties of the University of Regensburg and University Hospital. Combining scientific expertise and modern scientific facilities establishes a basis for excellent research.

The graduate school is structured into four disciplines, which represent the main areas of research in Life Sciences at the University of Regensburg:

- **Biomedicine**
- **Cellular Biochemistry and Biophysics**
- **Molecular Ecology and Evolution**
- **Neurobiology**

PhD Program

The designated period of PhD is 3 years. Besides your PhD project a well structured PhD program assures a high quality education.

The main components of the program are:

- **Mentoring Team:** Each PhD student will be accompanied by a mentoring team consisting of a supervisor and two mentors.
- **Method Courses:** In method courses PhD students learn up-to-date methods directly linked to the individual PhD project.

- **Summer Academy:** In annual summer schools, PhD students meet on a regular basis to exchange ideas and techniques. PhD students present their projects here in poster and talk sessions.
- **Meetings:** In national and international scientific meetings, PhD students actively participate in talks or poster presentations.
- **Soft Skills:** General training such as presentation skills, project management, teamwork and leadership helps PhD students to improve their communication and presentation abilities.
- **Didactic Skills:** Didactical skills are acquired by the supervision of undergraduate students.
- **Initiative and Responsibility:** Program organization enables students to contribute actively to the scientific program by organizing meetings, and/or inviting speakers.

Application

Membership in RIGeL is required to obtain the PhD degree (Dr. rer. nat.) at the Biology and Preclinical Medicine Faculty and the Medical Faculty of the University of Regensburg.

Admission Requirements:

- Diploma or Master of Science degree from a University
- Master's degree in biology, biochemistry, biophysics, biotechnology, bioinformatics or another biological core subject of biological sciences conferred by a University of Applied Sciences within Germany
- Successful completion of medical school.

The final grade of the degree must be equal or better than 2.0. If the minimum grade is not achieved, you will be required to pass a PhD qualification exam. PhD candidates from non-european countries have to pass a PhD qualification exam/doctoral suitability test.

How to find a PhD project

- Currently open PhD positions are listed on the RIGeL website.
- Contact the group leader from the research area of your interest directly to enquire about PhD opportunities.

Location

Regensburg, Bavaria's fourth biggest city with approx. 150.000 citizens, is located in the eastern part of Bavaria at the confluence of the rivers Danube and Regen and nearby the Bavarian Forest. The city is not only an important industrial and business location but also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Regensburg is a pulsating city with about 30.000 students of the Regensburg University and the Technical University of Applied Sciences (Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Regensburg). Beside excellent educational opportunities, Regensburg also offers superior employment opportunities as it is embedded in the BioRegio biotechnology cluster consisting of more than 51 companies with about 4000 employees in (BioPark) and nearby Regensburg making it the second biggest biotech cluster in Bavaria after Munich.