

## Doctoral aptitude examination - Promotionseignungsprüfung (Fast-track)

The admission is linked to a doctoral aptitude examination (Promotionseignungsprüfung) if the candidate have a degree from a university of applied sciences (4 years diploma) or from an university at least 3-years-Bachelor degree (without master degree) with an overall grade of very good (= at least **1,5 in the Bavarian grading system**) or an official written confirmation (ranking) by the central student administration of the issuing university that the candidate belongs to **the top 10%** of his class and in his discipline at his university.

### Documents:

*In addition to* the previous documents required for the "normal" registration, the following documents are also needed *after having received* the Dean's letter, which allows you to step forward for it:

A time and performance plan signed by the supervisor and a letter from the applicant stating the following:

- the specification of the subject in which the applicant intends to make the PhD, with a statement on the meaningful inner connection of her or his degree from a university of applied sciences or bachelor degree with the intended doctoral subject;
- a statement as to whether she or he has already undergone a doctoral aptitude examination or a similar examination at any institution of higher education;
- a statement as to whether the doctoral aptitude examination is to be conducted in German or in English.

### Accomplishments:

These must be completed within **12 months**. No grade may be lower than 2,7 and the overall grade may not be lower than 2,0.

1. A scientific thesis (applies 3-fold) completed in 4 - 6 months and max. extension of 2 months (application to the dean). Reviewed by 2 professors of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy.
2. A research internship (applies 2-fold) not in PhD field of research (at least 16 hours per week = about 240 hours in total). The internship must be in a subject from the Departments of Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Pharmacy program and evaluated by one professor of our faculty.
3. 4 lessons: (apply 1-fold) each 2 hours weekly: 2 from the PhD subject, 2 from other subjects (from the Master's program of the faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy).

### **Admission:**

The time and performance plan must be approved by the Dean before the required accomplishments start.

### **Enrollment:**

After having received a written notification of admission to a doctoral aptitude examination, fast-track-candidates have to apply for enrolment at the Studentenkazlei / International Office of the LMU. The candidate must be enrolled during the procedural. This enrolment, however, is limited to 2 prelaminar semesters.

A failed doctoral aptitude examination may be repeated once. The application for admission to repeat it must be submitted to the Dean within three months after notification of its failure. The repetition is limited to the missing performance records. If the lacking performance(es) is / are not accomplished within 24 months after the start of the doctoral aptitude examination, the procedural will be considered definitively as failed.

For the necessary documents for the application submission as well as further information please contact the PhD office.

*PLEASE NOTE: With the doctoral aptitude examination **you do not acquire a master degree**. This may have consequences later on, e.g. on the classification in case of employment. A doctorate without a master degree is therefore not advisable for people who want to stay in Germany. However, if you are aiming for a master degree, you should remain enrolled in the master's program and complete the rest of the required courses.*