

Information sheet Application for an Individual Doctoral Degree

Apart from applications for our international PhD programmes we accept applications for individual doctorates. The application procedure slightly varies for these doctoral candidates. Individual doctoral students do not follow any study course. Rather, they prepare individual dissertation theses.

1. Application Documents and Supervising

Every applicant for a doctorate degree needs a doctoral thesis supervisor. The doctoral thesis advisor has to accept your thesis and has to commit to academic supervision of your dissertation ("consent of academic supervision"- "Betreuungszusage"). You have to find a doctoral advisor independently.

Please check the [BTU website](#) to find more detailed information on contact details of suitable professors for your doctoral project. If you have found an appropriate or interested professor, then please submit the following application documents to your supervising professor:

1. A completed application form
2. Detailed description of your project or thesis for your doctoral studies
3. Legally certified copies of previously completed academic degrees including transcripts of records (e.g. bachelor's degree, master's degree, diploma)
4. At least two letters of recommendation/reference
5. Curriculum Vitae

Please submit only officially certified copies. The application is only accepted in German or English. In the case that your documents are not in German or English, you have to provide certified translations from a sworn interpreter. Applications submitted by email will not be accepted.

2. Consent of Academic Supervision

If the professor agrees to your application, then you will receive a letter of consent/academic supervision in written form. Meanwhile, your application will be forwarded to the BTU's International Office by the chair of your prospective supervisor.

3. Formal Verification

The International Office of the BTU will verify your academic degrees. This means that your academic qualifications will be examined as to whether they are equivalent to comparable German academic qualifications and if you are eligible to study at a German university.

4. Acceptance to do a Doctorate at BTU

As soon as the consent of the professor and the International Office is given, your application and consent of academic supervision will be sent to the faculty council. The faculty council is responsible for confirming your application.