Cumulative Dissertations

Implementation Regulations from 1.1.2018

Preliminary note: § 6 (1) 2 of the doctoral degree regulations ("Promotionsordnung"): "Sie muss die Fähigkeit des Kandidaten zu selbständiger wissenschaftlicher Arbeit belegen." (It must prove the ability of the candidate to independent scientific work.). This requirement must therefore be met in a cumulative dissertation also by the publications.

- The dissertation consists of at least 4 scientific publications, mainly written by the candidate himself. They have been published in peer review journals under first candidacy of the candidate.
- Publications must be listed with all authors, titles and bibliographic information.
- Written statement in the dissertation, which contribution originates from which author: This must be confirmed in writing by all authors (with signature, in advance by email) (not part of the dissertation).
- If two authors are listed as "shared first author", a maximum of two such publications may be part of the respective dissertations.
- Before the publications, at least 30 pages are necessary in which the red thread of the entire work is set out and the distinction between the state of knowledge and the technology is clear.
- Upon submission, a cumulative dissertation must be identified by a cover letter or form, so that all required implementation regulations can be checked immediately.

The other requirements of the doctoral degree regulations for the dissertation or the procedure remain unaffected.

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