



Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) Regulations and Agreement

1. For each doctoral researcher in the International Max Planck Research School for Solar System Science at the University of Göttingen and at TU Braunschweig, a Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) is set up at the beginning of the PhD project.
2. The TAC usually consists of at least three scientists. One of its members has to be a faculty member at the university where the doctoral researcher is enrolled. If the doctoral degree regulations of the university require so, two members have to be professors or habilitated scientists. The daily supervisor is a member of the TAC. The doctoral researcher can propose a member of their choice.
3. The TAC approves the PhD project, reviews the progress of the doctoral researcher and advises them on further studies and research. The TAC also approves a thesis as ready for submission. When it can be foreseen that a PhD project will not be successfully finished, the TAC can recommend to discontinue the project; this has to be confirmed by the IMPRS chairperson.
4. The TAC meets at least once per year with the doctoral researcher and documents these meetings by written minutes with an executive summary. These meetings shall preferentially take place in months 3-6, 15-18 and 27-30 after the beginning of a PhD project. On request of the doctoral researcher, one of the TAC members or the IMPRS chairperson, the TAC also meets in between.

Please provide and attach a half-page abstract and a half-page working plan for the PhD project, which constitute an integral part of this agreement, via your "TAC Meeting - PHD STATUS REPORT".

The following scientists agree to be TAC members for the PhD project as identified above:

1. _____

Print TAC member name

Date

Signature

2. _____

Print TAC member name

Date

Signature

3. _____

Print TAC member name

Date

Signature

4. _____

Print TAC member name

Date

Signature