

Format and Guidelines for the PhD-MD/PhD Cumulative Thesis of the TRANSMED Program

Essential prerequisites for cumulative thesis:

- The candidate needs to provide a minimum of **two publications from peer-reviewed journals**.
- Only **original work** is accepted.
- The publications need to be at least **accepted** for publication.
- At least one of these publications must be published as **first author**. A shared first-authorship is possible and will be accepted as a regular first-authorship publication.
- The publications must differ in their epistemological value from the master thesis.
- The following publication forms are **not allowed: review articles, case studies**.

The PhD-MD/PhD cumulative thesis of the TRANSMED program contains the following chapters:

- Title page (see attached document)
- Abstract (in German and English)
- List of abbreviations
- Table of contents
- General introduction
- Publications
- General discussion
- References (for the citations from the introduction and the discussion)
- Curriculum vitae
- Doctoral candidate's **precisely described own contribution** to the publications (signed by the doctoral candidate and the main supervisor)
- Confirmation of co-author in case of a shared authorship
- Acknowledgments
- If applicable, further original data or methods not documented in the manuscripts

- Signed declarations as indicated in the Ph.D. Regulations for “Translational Biomedicine” in §10 (2), 3 and 4; §11, 4.
 - §10 (2), 3
A written assurance that the submitted scientific work has not been submitted to any other German or foreign university or comparable institution for the conferral of an academic degree.
 - §10 (2), 4
A declaration that the candidate has not unsuccessfully ended another doctoral or equivalent program in the subject area of the current doctoral program.
 - §11, 4
The following declaration is to be included in the dissertation: *“I hereby declare that I wrote the dissertation submitted without any unauthorized external assistance and used only sources acknowledged in the work. All textual passages which are appropriated verbatim or paraphrased from published and unpublished texts as well as all information obtained from oral sources are duly indicated and listed in accordance with bibliographical rules. In carrying out this research, I complied with the rules of standard scientific practice as formulated in the statutes of Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz to insure standard scientific practice.”*

Further specifications:

- Total page count of the thesis is not to be exceeded by 100 pages (these do **not** contain: title page, list of abbreviations, table of contents, references, CV, own publications, acknowledgments, and signed declarations)
- Pages are to be numbered
- Gene symbols are to be italicized
- Protein products of the loci are not to be italicized
- Nonstandard abbreviations are to be defined when first used in the text
- Font type: Arial or Calibri, font size: 12, line spacing: 1.5

A thesis that does not conform to the format guidelines will be returned to the doctoral candidate for reformatting!