

TKU Regulations on the Employment of Supervising Professors to Oversee Graduate Student Dissertations

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Article 6 starting from the 109 Academic Year

Article 1

The *TKU Regulations on the Employment of Supervising Professors to Oversee Graduate Student Dissertations* (Herein referred to as “These Regulations”) were formulated to ensure and maintain the quality of TKU master’s and PhD student dissertations.

Article 2

Supervising professors for master’s theses should demonstrate professional practices of research in the supervisee’s discipline and must possess one of the following qualifications:

1. Currently or previously served as a professor, associate professor or an assistant professor.
2. Currently serve as an Academician at Academia Sinica (AS). Currently or previously served as a Research Fellow or Associate Research Fellow or Assistant Research Fellow at AS.
 - a) Possess a doctoral degree and have remarkable academic achievement.
3. Possess a doctoral degree and have remarkable academic achievement.
4. Specialized in a rare, special discipline or in professional practices and attained noteworthy academic achievements.

Qualifications for the examining committee listed in 3 and 4 of the preceding paragraph shall be determined by the administrative meetings held by the degree-conferring department, graduate institute or study program.

Article 3

Supervising professors for doctoral dissertations should demonstrate professional practices of research in the supervisee’s discipline and must possess one of the following qualifications:

1. Currently or previously served as a professor or an associate professor.
2. Currently serve as an Academician at Academia Sinica (AS). Currently or have previously served as a Research Fellow or Associate Research Fellow at AS.
3. Possess a doctoral degree and have remarkable academic achievement.

4. Specialized in a rare or special discipline and attained noteworthy accomplishments in academia.

Qualifications for the examining committee listed in 3 and 4 of the article shall be determined by the administrative meetings held by the degree-conferring department, graduate institute or study program.

Article 4

Family members or the spouse of graduate students may not serve as the graduate student's supervising professor.

Article 5

A maximum of two supervising professors may be appointed to oversee a graduate student dissertation. Such supervising professors must be TKU full-time faculty members. However, after gaining the approval of the corresponding department chair or director of the graduate institute or study program, other categories of scholars or experts may also be employed as supervising instructors, such as TKU part-time teachers, a Professor Emeritus, specially appointed teachers, visiting professors, or TKU-external teachers, experts, or scholars. However, if TKU-external personnel wish to serve as supervising instructors, they must be accompanied by a supervising instructor from TKU.

Article 6

As a principle, supervising professors should supervise three graduate students per academic year. However, professors from departments or graduate institutes that offer both master's and PhD degree programs may supervise four graduate students. Professors from departments or graduate institutes that offer master's and executive master's degree programs may supervise five graduate students. Professors from departments or graduate institutes that offer master's, executive master's, and PhD degree programs may supervise six students. Professors from departments or graduate institutes that offer E-learning executive master's programs may supervise one extra graduate student, as long as their total number of supervised students does not exceed six. When supervising jointly with a fellow professor, scholar, or expert, the supervised student counts as half a student.

Article 7

If for a certain reason the supervising relationship is terminated, the graduate student must apply for a new supervisor by submitting a written application to their

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department, graduate institute or study program. After the original supervisor, the new supervisor, and the head of the corresponding department or graduate institute provide approval and sign the written application, the case must be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.

Article 8

This set of regulations will take effect on the date of its publication after being passed in an academic affairs meeting and approved by the TKU President. The same applies to any later amendments made.