

## Directives

### Granting of candidate status for admission as a consortium of the Doctoral Academy Graz

#### Requirements for application

- a certain number of doctoral candidates are members of the applicant research group (at least seven doctoral candidates)
- a certain number of faculty members (PhD supervisors) are members of the applicant research group (at least three professors)
- Doctoral candidates and faculty members are researching a common topic or working within a clearly defined research field.
- The research group is funded by a certain proportion of third-party funding (benchmark: approximately 25% of university or project assistants)
- The application for additional third-party funding is intended for the foreseeable future and would, if successful, enable the fulfillment of the 50% third-party funding requirement for official status as member consortium of the Doctoral Academy Graz.

#### Framework for consortia with candidate status

- There cannot be more than three consortia with candidate status at the same time affiliated with the Doctoral Academy Graz.
- The duration of candidate status is determined based on the progress of (planned) third-party funding applications.
- Granting of candidate status is limited to two years and can only be extended based on positive reviews in case of rejected third-party funding applications..



## **Funding**

- Upon being granted candidate status, a maximum of € 5,000 can be provided as seed funding for the preparation of third-party funding applications.

## **Application and Granting of Candidate Status:**

- Research groups interested in applying for candidate status contact the Doctoral Academy for preliminary talks.
- Applications for candidate status can be submitted upon invitation by the Doctoral Academy
- Decisions regarding the granting of candidate status are made by the Vice-Rector responsible for the Doctoral Academy in consultation with the Directorate of the Doctoral Academy Graz.