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Guidelines for Enrolment of students into the IRTG 1123

Aim of this program

The main focus of the Collaborative Research Center (CRC) 1123 Atherosclerosis – Mechanisms and Networks of Novel Therapeutic Targets is to study in-depth the molecular networks in atherogenesis, atheroprogession and atherothrombosis as the pathological sequence underlying coronary artery disease, in order to identify and verify novel targets for treating atherosclerosis. With this aim in mind, our CRC brings together researchers of different disciplines, institutions and universities in Munich. The fundamental goal of our IRTG 1123 qualification program is to provide training specifically tailored to the needs and topic of our CRC. Doctoral researchers enrolled in our IRTG program will be offered a three-year structured PhD program, allowing the students to collect the necessary European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) points to obtain their PhD in Medical Research. MD students are welcome to join the study program for the duration of their medical thesis research project in the lab.

Doctoral Program and Degrees

As part of the IRTG1123 students will obtain a doctoral degree according to the guidelines from the Munich Medical Research School at the LMU's Medical Faculty. Depending on the students and supervisor's academic backgrounds, one of the following degrees can be obtained:

- Ph.D. (doctoral degree in “**Medical Research**”, **Munich Medical Research School, LMU**)
- Dr. rer. nat. (doctoral degree in Natural Sciences)
- Dr. hum. bio. (doctoral degree in Human Biology)
- Dr. med. (doctoral degree in Human Medicine)

Application for membership

Since the program is funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, Sonderforschungsbereich, CRC 1123), only students belonging to CRC1123 principal investigators can be enrolled. However, educational lectures are generally open for everybody to attend.

For application, interested students must send a **motivation statement** together with a **short CV** and the **signed application form** to the IRTG 1123 coordinator. Students that formally comply with membership regulations will be invited for a personal meeting. Final decision about IRTG 1123 membership acceptance will be taken by the IRTG board.

A written confirmation letter by the IRTG board is mandatory for MMRS registration as PhD student within the IRTG 1123 program.