

Criteria for a publication-based dissertation at the TUM School of Life Sciences

1. The publication-based dissertation must include an introductory and methodology section (20 pages); a discussion section across dissertation topics including a review of relevant literature.
2. The publication-based dissertation must be based on at least two first-author papers accepted for publication (full paper in an international, English language, peer-reviewed journal).
3. The doctoral candidate must be the first author of all publications. It is possible to include two shared first authors and a maximum of one review article (see 5.).
4. The publication-based dissertation include a summary of each publication (one page), indicating the individual contributions of the doctoral candidate.
5. Inclusion of selected original papers requires a separate letter of approval from each publisher. All other publications must be listed with a full publication citation for each. In the set of copies for the members of the examining committee all original papers must be included separately.
6. Articles with shared first authorship or review articles that go beyond the minimum number of publications cannot be included, but can be asserted as work relevant to the doctorate by citing them, summarizing them and presenting the individual contributions (see 4.). Co-author papers that go beyond the minimum number of publications can either be included or cited.

This criteria are based on Annex 6 of the [Regulations for the Award of Doctoral Degrees from 01.01.2014](#) as well as [in the decision of the School Council of the TUM School of Life Sciences from 17.10.2018 and 05.05.2021](#).