

All IRTG 1243 members will have Thesis Advisory Committees (TACs).

TACs are made up of at least 3 members in addition to the doctoral candidate (see specs required by institutions below).

Different degrees require different number of TAC meetings (see table below); the IRTG 1243 strongly recommends two TAC meetings for Dr. med. candidates and 3 TAC meetings for Dr. rer.nat./PhD candidates.

Institutional requirements for TAC constitution and meetings for doctoral candidates.

	Dr. med.	Dr. rer. nat.	PhD med. res.
	LMU Medical Faculty	LMU Medical Faculty LMU Faculty of Biology TUM	LMU Medical Faculty
Supervisory Goals	- Orientation - Wrap-up and quality control	- Orientation - Monitoring and quality control - Wrap-up and quality control	- Orientation - Monitoring and quality control - Wrap-up and quality control
TAC Members	3 + doctoral candidate: 1. Supervisor = (Med. Fak. member) 2. External member (not from same institute) 3. Member, from Med. Fak. or SFB	3 + doctoral candidate: 1. Supervisor 2. Member with Dr. rer. nat. belonging to Med./Bio/Math Faculty, depending on which is the degree-awarding faculty/institution 3. Other, preferably SFB member and/or junior scientist	3 + doctoral candidate: 1. Doctoral supervisor 2. Member 3. Other, preferably SFB member and/or junior scientist (at least 2 members must be from the Med. Fak.)
TAC meetings	2 TAC meetings: First: between 2-6 mo during research phase Second: within the next 15 mo, prior to writing phase/submission	3 TAC meetings: First: after 6 mo Subsequent: annually	2 TAC meetings (min): - in 3rd + 5th semester - TAC Recommendation for admission to oral defense

- Organizing TAC meetings are the students' responsibility; the coordinator will send reminders.
- PIs are asked to please support this important supervisory instrument!
- The first (early) TAC meeting is especially important for orientation!
- The final TAC meeting should discuss specific finishing goals for the project!
- TAC guidelines and a template for the TAC report are available for download <http://www.sfb1243.biologie.uni-muenchen.de/graduate-program/tacs/index.html>

(General information about usual procedure for Dr. med. candidates):

- (minimum) 8 month leave from studies for research work in the lab during "Modul 6" of the medical studies (often as long as 1+ year),
- ideally, dissertation is written at the end of this period,
- medical studies are resumed; Staatsexamen successfully completed,
- after completion of medical studies, the dissertation may be submitted and defended.