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GUIDELINE NO 4/2024 INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATES AT BUT

Article 1 Introductory provisions

1. This Guideline sets out the rules for the implementation of doctoral studies at the BUT in cooperation with the industry sector.

Article 2 Basic concepts and background

- 1. An industrial doctorate is a doctoral study carried out on the basis of a written contract in cooperation with a third party, which is an entity in the industry sector.
- 2. The industry sector entity is a legal entity focused on the use of research and development results in practice, most often in industry.
- 3. A student studying for an industrial doctorate must be admitted to study a doctoral programme at a faculty or unit of the BUT according to the announced rules of the admission procedure and must be enrolled for study.
- 4. The study of the Industrial Doctorate is not a special type of doctoral study programme, therefore it is conducted in accordance with the Higher Education Act and the internal regulations of the BUT, in particular the Study and Examination Regulations of the BUT (hereinafter referred to as the "SED").
- 5. The Industrial Doctorate can be pursued in both full-time and combined forms of study.

Article 3

Cooperation of BUT with the industry sector

- 1. The study of the Industrial Doctorate is based on a contractual relationship between the BUT and an entity of the industry sector.
- 2. A framework agreement may be concluded on the cooperation between the BUT and an industry sector entity, which sets out the general conditions of cooperation in the implementation of industrial doctorates. It may include an agreement on the method of determining appropriate study topics and the process of their approval in accordance with the BUT's CPR.
- 3. An agreement on the study of a specific student is concluded on the implementation of the industrial doctorate, where the parties are the BUT, the industry sector entity and the Ph.D. student of the BUT. The agreement is concluded for the duration of the student's studies, and its validity may be limited in time, but not for a period shorter than the standard period of study increased by only one year.
- 4. If the student performs his/her obligations arising from his/her studies within the scope of employment with an entity of the industry sector, the agreement under paragraph 3 shall provide, inter alia, for the disposition of the intellectual property created by the student so that the BUT can fulfil its obligations under the legislation.
- 5. An agreement on the joint submission of a project proposal in the field of science and research (i.e. in the context of the University's creative activities) may also form part of the agreement referred to in paragraph 2 or 3.
- 6. The agreement referred to in paragraph 3 shall be concluded each time a particular student is admitted to study and at the same time so as to take effect at the time of his or her enrolment.

Article 4

Special rules for the study of the Industrial Doctorate

- 1. The cooperation with the subject of the industry sector can be defined for a specific topic of study within the admission procedure or it can be defined after the admission of a specific student to study.
- 2. The industrial doctorate student shall prepare his/her dissertation in cooperation with the subject of the industry sector, using its material and technical equipment, the extent of this cooperation being defined in the agreement under Article 3(3).
- 3. A student of the industrial doctorate has a supervisor at the BUT in accordance with Article 31 of the CPR and, as a rule, also has a consultant assigned by the industry sector entity (hereinafter referred to as the "industrial consultant"). The duties of the industrial consultant must be defined in the agreement pursuant to Article 3(3).
- 4. The industrial consultant usually has the status of a specialist trainer according to No. 10, paragraph 10 of Guideline No. 69/2017 Standards of Study Programmes of the BUT.

Article 5 Industrial Student Scholarship

1. A full-time student studying for an industrial doctorate is entitled to a doctoral scholarship in accordance with the Higher Education Act and the BUT Scholarship Regulations.

2. An agreement under Article 3(3) may provide for a commitment by the application entity to contribute to the funding of the scholarship of a particular industrial doctorate student.

Article 6

Dissertation created within the industrial

- 1. The dissertation prepared by the student within the framework of the industrial doctorate will be published in accordance with Section 47b of the Higher Education Act.
- 2. The dissertation is a school work within the meaning of Act No. 121/2000 Coll., on Copyright, on Rights Related to Copyright and on Amendments to Certain Acts.
- 3. Any provision of the agreement under Article 3(3) that would exclude or regulate, contrary to legal regulations, the use rights of the BUT or the student to the intellectual property created within the framework of the implementation of the industrial doctorate shall be null and void.

Article

Final provisions

1. This Internal Standard shall enter into force on the date specified in its heading.

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