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PHD PROGRAM – GRADUATION GUIDELINES

For a thesis to qualify as an SFI PhD thesis, the following conditions must be satisfied:

: Phase 1

- Candidates must successfully complete the courses as planned by their center;
- Local PhD representatives have the possibility to grant equivalence for courses, in agreement with the SFI Head of PhD program, in the case where courses were successfully completed elsewhere.

: Phase 2

- The thesis advisor should be an SFI faculty member at the time of the defense. In case of exceptions, candidates should seek an approval of the jury members from the Head of the PhD Program (copying Ridima.Mittal@sfi.ch and phd@sfi.ch) well in advance of the candidate's defense date;
- The thesis jury must count at least three members (in the case of co-advisors, the jury must count at least four members);
- The thesis jury must count at least one SFI-chaired professor;
- One member of the jury must be an external examiner (e.g. from a different SFI academic institute).

Should a conflict arise between these guidelines and the graduate's academic institute's rules, please contact SFI's administration phd@sfi.ch.