Relations between Supervisor and Doctoral Research Student

**Purpose of the Agreement:** The Hebrew University, as an educational and research institution, is committed to have a study framework that is creative, stimulating, professional and ethical. The supervisor and the research student bear a significant portion of the advancement of knowledge at a research university. The Agreement is intended to anchor the principles of the relations between the supervisor and the research student, to emphasize their mutuality and to adjust the expectations that stem from this mutuality in the course of the research work.

**Research Topic:** The supervisor and student shall choose a topic or topics that are appropriate for research at a high level and that are geared to enriching human knowledge and to advancing science in accordance with the research tradition of the Hebrew University.

**The Obligation of the Supervisor:** To educate and guide the student as a researcher and as a scientist, as a member of the scientific community and as a person contributing to society and humanity; to serve as a model for ethical scientific activity; to provide an intellectual, challenging and enriching environment and to be a teacher and a partner; to relate to the supervision as a dialogue between two; to respect the student; to listen to her/his views and to encourage her/his independence and her/his creativity; to accept the fact that sometimes a seemingly erroneous idea of the student may turn out to be correct; to provide the student with ample time for consultation; not to relate to the student as only fulfilling instructions and not to request the student to do additional tasks that are not related to the research work; to educate and guide her/him in the intricacies of scientific writing, both those required for writing a doctoral dissertation and those required for scientific publications; to assist the student in an ongoing manner and particularly at times of distress in the research; to encourage her/him to participate in conferences and other academic activities; to accompany her/him on her/his way upon completion of the doctoral dissertation.

**The Obligation of the Student:** To acknowledge that when choosing a research topic she/he undertakes a great responsibility to promote it; to devote her/his best energy and time for carrying out the research work, while paying attention to the guidance of the supervisor; to act in close cooperation with her/him; to respect the experience, criticism and views of the supervisor but to suggest, when needed, alternate approaches; to ensure the ethical rules of the work and scientific reporting; to act responsibly towards the agent funding the research; to promote relations of mutual respect and cooperation with other students in the supervisor’s laboratory; to make available the laboratory notebooks, data collections and other research recordings for the perusal of the supervisor at all times and to give them to the supervisor upon completion of the doctorate.
**Funding:** The supervisor and her/his student shall discuss, when planning the research program, the financial means and the laboratory facilities needed for carrying out the program, their availability at the beginning of the program and the manner of raising funds in the course of the research. The supervisor and her/his student shall make every effort to secure these means.

**Publications and Patents:** In scientific publications and in conference presentations the name of the student shall be listed in the list of authors in a place appropriate with her/his efforts, as customary in the relevant field. If the publication does not bear the name of the supervisor, her/his guidance should be mentioned in the appropriate place, as customary. Copyrights in scientific publications, in patents and in other intellectual properties as well as royalties from them shall be arranged between supervisor and student with the proper generosity, while taking into account the contribution of each of them, all subject to the University’s Administrative Regulations on this matter.

**Duration of the Doctorate:** The supervisor and research student shall make an effort to complete the research and the writing of the doctoral dissertation within a period of 4-5 years. Instances requiring more time shall be considered by the Authority for Research Students.

**Differences of Opinion** between the supervisor and student shall be settled through agreed upon arbitration with the support of the Authority for Research Students.

**In witness thereof the parties signed:**

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