

# Interdisciplinary Program Health Sciences (IPHS)

## Step 1:

A counselling session in the Office of the Associate Dean for Scientific Affairs is mandatory. Please contact Dr. Christoph Aszyk for an appointment.

## Step 2:

### A) Documents to be submitted by the Doctoral Student

*To apply, please submit the following documents as one PDF document. Please note that other formats are not accepted.*

1. **IPHS Application Form**

Please download from homepage and fill in including two academic references (names and contact data sufficient)

2. **Letter of Interest (max. 1 page)**

Personal statement, describing why you are interested in participating in the IPHS program including your future scientific career goals

3. **Curriculum Vitae**

- Personal data
- Individual achievements (e.g. scholarships, prizes, publications)

4. **Secondary School Certificate**

5. **University Degree Certificates and Academic Record**

- Proof of initial enrolment ('Ersteinschreibung') for Bachelor and Master studies (e.g. proof of matriculation from first semester, 'Studienverlaufsbescheinigung', etc.)
- Bachelor's degree certificate
- Master's degree/diploma certificate, academic record, abstract of master's/diploma thesis (1 - 2 pages)
- copy of master's/diploma thesis (as extra PDF)

6. **Doctoral Project Proposal**

- Focused thesis proposal in the field of Health Sciences including: subject and summary of the project (max. 3 pages, in English)
  - short introduction to the state of the field (background),
  - specific aim(s) of the project,
  - working hypothesis/scientific question,
  - description of the experimental strategy/methods,
  - working and time schedule (e.g. as Gantt chart),
  - alternative plans for unforeseen obstacles (optional),
  - integration of the planned project into the surrounding of the Clinic/Institute,
  - literature and list of abbreviations (as Appendix, can be placed on page 4).

7. **Letter of Recommendation from supervisor**

8. **Supervision Agreement**

Please send your application as one PDF document to Dr. Christoph Aszyk (Program Coordinator) via e-mail to [christoph.aszyk@uk-koeln.de](mailto:christoph.aszyk@uk-koeln.de).

### B) Documents to be handed in by the Supervisor of the Doctoral Student

*The following documents only need to be submitted, if the supervisor has not yet supervised another IPHS Doctoral Student*

- CV and publication list
- Overview of research group composition: (Post Docs, doctoral students, technical assistants)
- Overview of former doctoral students (name, title of research project, academic degree, research period)
- Overview of third party funding

Please send the documents as one PDF document to Dr. Christoph Aszyk (Program Coordinator) via e-mail to [christoph.aszyk@uk-koeln.de](mailto:christoph.aszyk@uk-koeln.de).

## Step 3:

Candidates fulfilling the formal requirements will be invited for an **interview including an oral presentation** conducted by the IPHS selection committee. Positively evaluated candidates are admitted to the program anytime throughout the year.