

Information and assessment criteria for Research Traineeships at the Department of Chemistry

OVERVIEW

All research traineeships give 7.5 credits. Being enrolled on a 7.5 credit research traineeship implies full time work (40 h / week) for 4.5 weeks.

The traineeship is assessed in the following ways:

- by a laboratory notebook
- by an oral presentation of the project
- by a short report (only KZ7030 and KZ8040).

The grades are either pass or fail and are decided by the supervising teaching staff member.

A student who is enrolled in several traineeships has to give only one presentation at the end of the traineeship. The presentation should be 20 min for a 7.5 credits traineeship, 30 min for two 7.5 credits traineeships and 40 min for more than two traineeships.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Criteria for the laboratory notebook

- The student documents the work in a laboratory notebook such that it can be repeated by others
- The text is written in English and entirely in the student's own words without plagiarism
- The text is clear and spelling, grammar, and formalities are largely correct
- For each experiment/computation the notebook states
 - the date of the experiment/ computation
 - the aim of the experiment/ computation
 - relevant preparations
 - experimental or computational details
 - results
 - conclusion

Criteria for passing the oral presentation

For pass, all of the following criteria have to be fulfilled:

Content

- An introduction into the scientific background of project is given, which is largely correct
- An introduction into the method used is given, which is largely correct
- The scientific terminology is largely correct
- Relevant results are presented and correct conclusions drawn from the obtained results
- The results are discussed in the context of previous research

- The student answers correctly to relevant questions

Formalities

- The oral presentation has the required duration (20/30/40 min for 7.5/15/>15 credits traineeships)
- The presentation is clear and structured
- The English is largely correct
- Reference is given for all images that are not produced by the student

Criteria for the report (only KZ7030 and KZ8040)

- The length of the report is 1-2 pages
- The report contains a description of
 - the generic competences trained during the traineeship
 - the methods applied and the kind of results that these methods may provide
 - personal strengths and areas for further personal development that the student identified during the traineeship
- The text is clear and structured
- The English is largely correct