

## 1) Preliminary formal eligibility check

Before you embark on identifying a suitable research area and project and a potential supervisor, make sure that you fulfil the formal eligibility criteria for taking up doctoral studies at our School:

Firstly, you need to hold a degree higher than a Bachelor (e.g. Master) in natural sciences (e.g. Biology, Biotechnology, Biomedicine, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Bioinformatics, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Informatics) from a recognised university or equivalent institution of higher education for which you had to study in a research oriented study program of at least four years duration. To find out whether your university is recognised in Germany, you may find out here ([www.anabin.de](http://www.anabin.de)). If your institution is not listed here, do not despair, you may still be eligible, but it might take a while to establish the fact - so plan enough time. If your degree differs from the above (e.g. different subject, less than four years, Bachelor only), you may still be eligible, but you will most likely have to study some Master level courses first and to then successfully pass an entrance exam prior to final admittance.