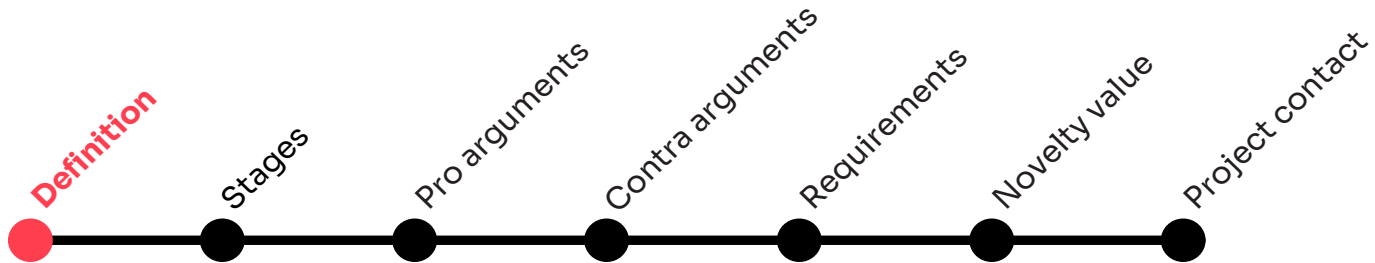


Stop Doctorate

A doctorate in Germany is the process through which a doctoral degree is obtained. It involves the independent creation of a scientific paper (dissertation) that provides new insights into a specific field.



Definition

- _ acquisition of the doctoral degree and independent creation of a scholarly work with new findings in a specific field under the supervision of a professor
- _ the duration of a doctorate varies and depends on the individual
 - _ typically, it takes three to five years
- _ all types of doctorates can be completed either as a monograph (a comprehensive written work at the end) or as a cumulative dissertation (several thematically related publications)

Types of doctorates



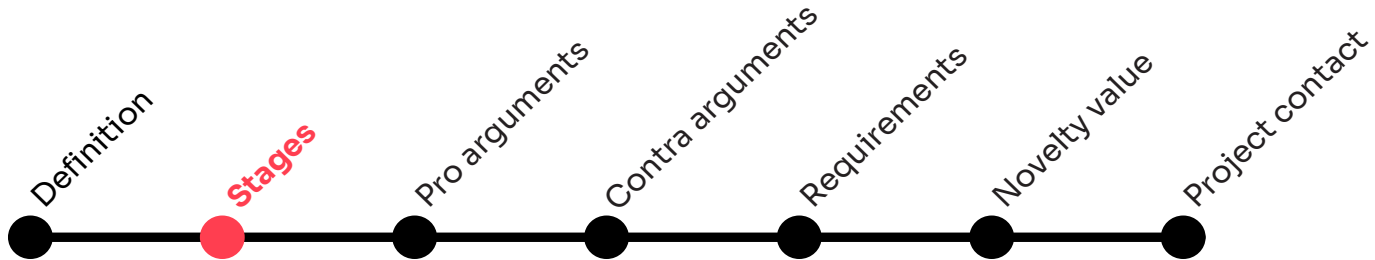
individual doctorate
at a university



cooperative doctorate at
a university or university
of applied sciences



industrial doctorate
with a university



Stages of a doctorate

1

orientation phase

- _ determining the dissertation topic
- _ finding supervisors for the doctorate
- _ preparing an exposé

implementation phase

- _ working on the doctorate, including literature research, data collection and analysis, and the writing process
- _ completion of the dissertation

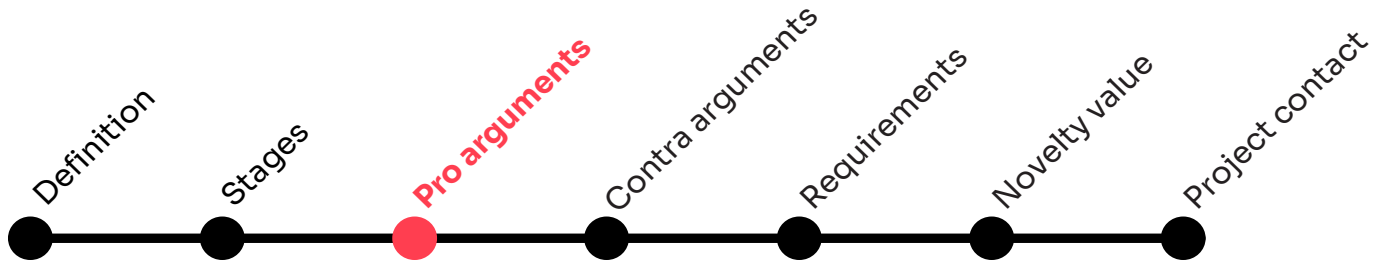
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final phase

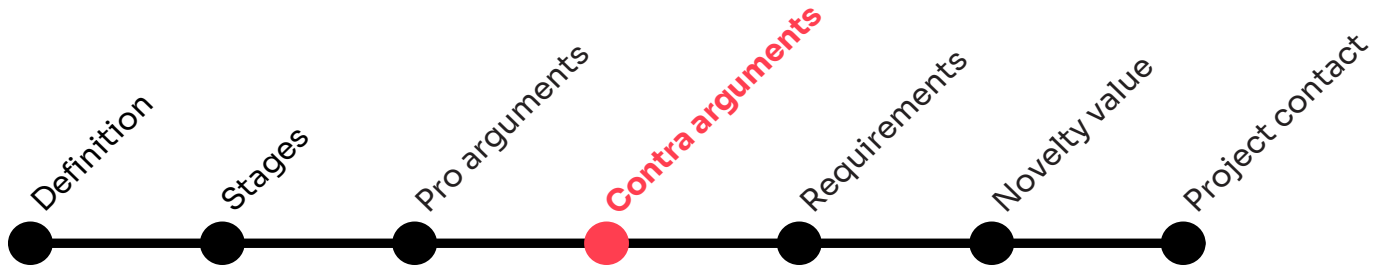
- _ submission of the dissertation
- _ defense and publication of the dissertation

What is a doctorate?



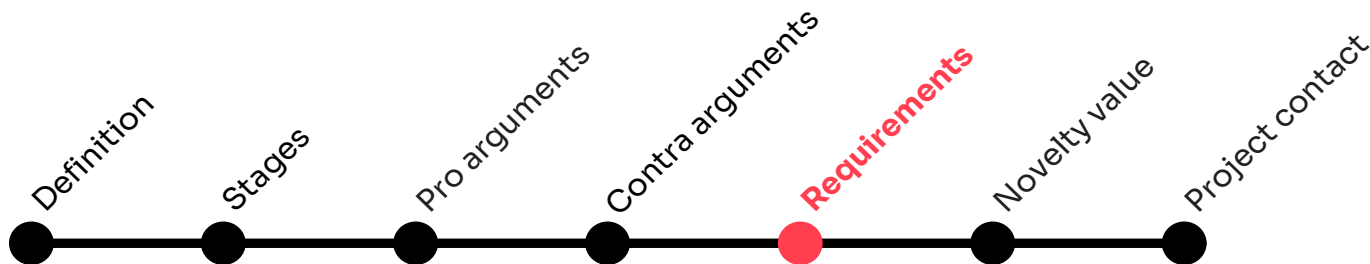
Pro arguments

- + **academic career** - if the career path should be in academia, a doctorate is an essential requirement
- + **career in industry or business** - a completed doctorate can provide faster access to a responsible position
- + **in-depth expertise** - opportunity for intensive engagement with the subject matter and development of field-specific expertise
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- + **networking** - exchange with other researchers and establishing oneself as an expert in one's field



Contra arguments

- **high time commitment** - three to five years of intensive work, leaving less time for family and personal life
- **funding** - fundamental considerations and constant focus on financing during doctorate take up space
- **benefit** - in certain fields or professions, a doctorate does not significantly advance one's career or earning potential, and may even be seen as overqualification
- **lack of alternatives** - a doctorate requires full attention and passion and it should not be pursued as a last resort
- **stress, pressure, and uncertainty** - the high (academic) standards and both internal and external expectations can lead to stress and pressure



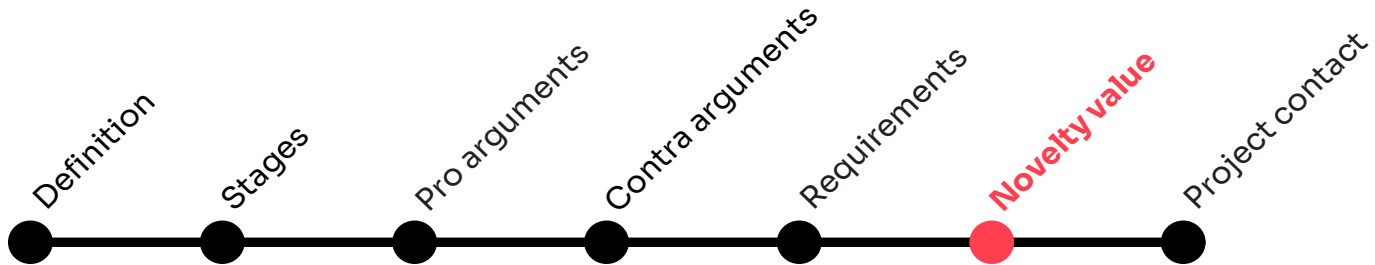
Requirements

- _ Master's degree, Magister, State Examination, or Diploma (with good academic performance)
- _ for foreign degrees, proof of equivalency is generally required via the ZAB
 - ▷ Link to: [ZAB statement of comparability](#)
- _ intrinsic motivation, willingness to engage in-depth with a topic over three to five years and to organize oneself independently

Our tip



carefully read the doctoral regulations, as they list additional requirements
(e.g., language skills, specific credit points or certificates)



Novelty value

- _ a fundamental difference compared to academic work during studies is the requirement for novelty
- _ this means that a doctoral thesis must contribute new insights, methods, or theories within the field

Examples



- _ utilization of innovative technologies
- _ viewing an existing method from a new perspective
- _ development of new approaches

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