

Dear GHS Students, thesis advisors and GHS Committee members

To ensure transparency, the GHS Administration informs you by email if there are changes in our procedures or if we add new information on the GHS website.

Please see below additions to the GHS Executive Regulations for the GHS regulations (Ausführungsbestimmungen) and news from the GHS.

### **Additions to the GHS Executive Regulations for the GHS regulations (Ausführungsbestimmungen)**

The Executive Regulations apply to all GHS Students (both new and old regulations) unless otherwise specified. Please find the Executive Regulations on the GHS website: [PhD Program: Regulations - Graduate School for Health Sciences \(GHS\) \(unibe.ch\)](https://unibe.ch/PhD-Program-Regulations-Graduate-School-for-Health-Sciences-GHS)

- **Admission to the GHS:** It has been specified that degrees from a Swiss and foreign university which are equivalent to a master's degree can be recognized by the GHS Coordinator.
- **Co-thesis advisor appointment:** The Steering Board can appoint staff not listed in the GHS regulations (*Promotionsreglement* Art. 9.3) as co-thesis advisor. It has been specified that the co-thesis advisor in this case must have a clear academic track, including a PhD title or habilitation.
- **Mentor and defenses:** The mentor assigned at the beginning of the PhD can – if he/she agrees - remain in this role and chair the thesis defense, even if she/he leaves the GHS Expert Committee in the meantime. This is a new procedure.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial support for courses and conferences is granted to PhD candidates only if they are part of the curriculum (18 ECTS) required by the PhD program. The course or conference must meet the [recognition requirements](#) of the GHS and be listed in the Doctoral Agreement.
- **Exams format:**
  - The first-year exam is in person.
  - Second-year exam: The presentation is held at a regularly scheduled colloquium at an institute or clinic which is part of the GHS program. Online examinations are permitted if at least one examiner is present with the student.
  - Please always use the latest exam record template from our website and check carefully that the examiners are correctly chosen according to the rules described on our website ([old regulations](#) and [new regulations](#)). **If the examiners do not meet the requirements, the exam will have to be repeated.**
- **Thesis defense format:** The doctoral student must attend the defense in person, with at least one Thesis Committee member (examiner) present in person. **The GHS must be informed in advance.**

## **NEWS**



- Name change of Expert Committee II: The GHS Steering Board has decided to change the name of the Expert Committee II from *Neurosciences* to *Clinical Neurosciences*. The name change does not affect the choice of specialization title for the students under Expert Committee II.
- We are pleased to share with you the **GHS Annual Report 2024** which you can download on our website: [About us: Annual Report - Graduate School for Health Sciences \(GHS\)](#)
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)!

Kind regards,

The GHS Team