

HBRGS Guidelines External Reviewers

The external examiner should be chosen carefully. He/she must be independent. Here we list some criteria for the **exclusion** of an examiner*.

Criteria for excluding an examiner:

1. First-degree relative of the supervisor or student.
2. Current or planned cooperation.
3. Dependent employment or supervisory relationship (e.g. supervisor-student relationship including Postdoc time) up to six years after termination of any such relationship.
4. Scientific co-operations in the past three years e.g. joint publications.

Criteria to be evaluated by the PhD committee:

4. Persons with relationships, which are not first-degree, but personal or conflicting with any of the involved parties.
5. Persons who plan to move to the MHH or partner institutes in the Region Hannover soon and with strong relationship to the supervisor.

*adapted from Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)