Regulations for Special Admission Requirements to the
International Master’s / Doctoral Neuroscience Program
at the Georg August University, Göttinngen, Germany

Part I: General Rules

§ 1 Aim of the Program

The aim of the Neuroscience Program, whose content, examinations and degrees conferred are described in the “Examination Regulations”, is to expand and deepen basic knowledge in the field of neuroscience which was acquired in preliminary studies (a B.Sc. course of studies or its equivalent) in medicine, biology, psychology, physics and other natural sciences. The imparting of knowledge in a particular subject includes the teaching of theoretical, methodological and experimental basics necessary for pursuing scientific work which helps to further a student’s ability to apply her/his knowledge, to do research and/or to teach in future fields of endeavour. The program consists of an initial common segment for both M.Sc. and doctoral students followed by an individual segment for each of the two groups.

§ 2 Admission Restrictions and Dates

The maximum number of applicants who will be accepted each year is 20. Ideally, fifty percent of those accepted will be students from countries other than Germany. Students will only be admitted to the program in the winter semester of the respective study year. If in any given year the maximum number is not reached, this fact will have no influence on the maximum number admitted in the following year.
Part II: Admission to the Initial Segment of the Program

§ 3 General Admission Requirements for the Initial Segment

(1) A minimum requirement for admission to the initial segment is completion of at least a six semester course of study with a Bachelor’s degree (B.Sc.). In addition to having specialized in a major area of biology, medicine, physics, chemistry, psychology or another experimental natural science discipline, an applicant must show that she/he was taught and that she/he acquired basic theoretical and practical knowledge in biology, chemistry and physics.

(2) German students who do not have the formal opportunity to receive a degree after six semesters can be accepted to the program. The Program Committee (re: Examination Regulations) determines whether a student has completed the equivalent to a B.Sc. course of study.

(3) All applicants who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate an adequate level of competence through acceptable results on one of the internationally recognized tests, e.g., TOEFL – 550 points on handwritten or 210 points on computer-based test – or IELTS – at least 7 points. If an applicant has good reason for not being able to take such a test, her/his English competence can be evaluated in a personal interview with members of the Program Committee.

(4) The maximum age of an applicant should not exceed 27 years upon admission to the initial segment of the program. The admission of older applicants is only possible under exceptional circumstances and is the decision of the Program Committee.

§ 4 Admission Form and Deadlines

(1) Applications must have reached the address noted on the application form by January 31 of the year of admission.

(2) A complete application must include the following items:
   a. Application form completely filled out and signed
   b. Two letters of recommendation from professors at institutions of higher learning
c. Recent picture

d. If applicable, proof of B.Sc. Degree or of its equivalent according to § 3 Paragraph 1.2 in German or English

a. Certification in German or English of courses successfully completed during course of study

b. Confirmation of adequate English competence as stated in § 3 Paragraph 3.

(3) The application for admission is to be sent to the address noted on the application form.

§ 5 Admission Procedures

(1) Based on the applications the Program Committee will make a preliminary selection of the applicants considered to be best qualified. Those selected will then be given a written aptitude test and an interview.

(2) The decision with regards to admission or rejection is made by the Program Committee, whereby additional faculty members from departments participating in the program can be included in this process as the need arrives.

(3) The implementation of the admission procedures is under the auspices of the Program Committee.

§ 6 Notification of Admission or Rejection

(1) Applicants who are granted admission will be notified in writing.

(2) A deadline will be noted therein by which a successful applicant must state whether she/he accepts. If the deadline is not met, the notification of admission becomes invalid. This legal consequence must be referred to in the notification.

(3) The Program Committee will request of those applicants who have been initially rejected that each declare whether she/he would like to be considered for a waiting list. If the Program Committee has not received word before the established deadline, the applicant will be excluded from any further consideration, in so far as she/he was made aware of this legal consequence.

(4) Notification of admission can not occur if the requirements stated in §§ 3 and 4 have not been fulfilled.
Part III: Admission to Second Segment of Program

§ 7 Requirements for Admission to Second Segment

(1) Students who have successfully completed the initial segment of the program can, upon recommendation of the Program Committee, be admitted to the doctoral program based on their performance during their first year of study.

(2) Applicants from other natural sciences in which a “Diplom” can be attained, graduates of other master’s programs and medical students who have passed their second state examination can be accepted to the doctoral program upon the recommendation of the Program Committee after they have passed the two-part master’s examination with a grade of at least C (Good).

§ 8 Effective Date

After being approved by the Lower Saxony State Ministry of Science and Culture, these regulations become effective on the days after being made public within the university through their publication in the official bulletin of the university.