



## Guideline for Cumulative Dissertations

A cumulative dissertation, which shall essentially consist of inputs to scientific journals, has to fulfil the following requirements:

- I. The supervisor approves the preparation of a cumulative dissertation with a letter to Faculty 4
- II. The dissertation must contain at least three submitted manuscripts. Review articles are not allowed. At least two of them must have been accepted for publishing via peer-review process in leading journals. The PhD student has to be first or main author of these two manuscripts.
- III. A cumulative dissertation has to contain of the following:
  1. Introduction (presenting all manuscripts and describing in detail the overall theoretical frame references of the PhD thesis)
  2. In case of co-authorship the independent work by the PhD student has to be stated
  3. Original publications
  4. All results need to be discussed and embedded within the scientific context
  5. Summary/abstract