

# **Guide to Handling Research Guidance Methods and Contents in the Doctor Course of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University**

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Article 1. This Guide stipulates the necessary matters related to the handling of research guidance methods and contents in the Doctor Course of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University (hereinafter, the "Graduate School"), based on the provisions of Article 16, Paragraph 4 of the Regulations of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University (Item 1 of the Regulations of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University, 2018).

Article 2. Students who have entered the Graduate School shall formulate a "Research Proposal" (Annual Plan) (Appended Form 1) at the beginning of the school year, and shall also formulate a "Research Progress Status Report" (Appended Form 2) promptly after the end of the period of classes has finished every year, and submit both documents to the dean of the Graduate School. The "Research Proposal" and "Research Progress Status Report" shall be stored by their main academic advisor, co-advisor(s), and the student, respectively.

2. To complete the "Research Proposal" stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the main academic advisor shall prepare the section of the "Research Guidance Plan," and the student shall prepare the section of the "Research Prospect and Research Schedule" after full consultation regarding the research contents, research method, and the student's career plan.

3. The "Research Proposal" stipulated in Paragraph 1 shall be formulated in order to achieve prior mutual understanding of the research prospects considered by the student, the student's research plans, and the main academic advisor's research guidance plan; and shall not impede changes to the research project or contents, in accordance with the development of research activities.

Article 3. The co-advisor(s) shall manage and utilize the "Research Proposal" and "Research Progress Status Report" respectively as a research record for the student, and in coordination with the main academic advisor, shall conduct systematic and organized research guidance of the said student.

Article 4. Grading of the subject "Thesis Research" shall be discussed and conducted by the main academic advisor and the co-advisor(s), based on the "Research Progress Status Report" and the status of the student's research activities in the relevant year.

Article 5. The student shall make presentations at academic conferences, in principle at least once per year.

Article 6. Other necessary matters related to research guidance methods and contents that are not stipulated in this Guide shall be stipulated separately.

## Supplementary Provisions

This Guide shall be enforced from April 1, 2020

Supplementary Provisions (partially revised on June 22, 2022)

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