

Track II Application for a membership in the *integrated Graduate School Solvation Science (iGSS)* within the research network RESOLV

For the iGSS Track II training schedule: a preparatory course of studies followed by the doctoral project (research course of studies)

Please fill in the information below and include the following documents for a complete application to be emailed as one PDF to igss@rub.de.

- Application Form – this completed form, signed
- Research proposal, if applicable – one page, single-spaced in Arial 11-pt font, written by the candidate outlining the proposed project with special emphasis on solvation science aspects
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of translated certificates and transcripts of records of qualification for higher education/university entrance and all university exams (bachelor's and/or master's/diploma degree)
- Two letters of reference - in English, should be submitted separately to igss@rub.de
- Proof or certificate of language proficiency
- Only applicants from universities in China, Vietnam or Mongolia: official certificates of the APS (Akademische Prüfstelle)

1. Personal details and academic qualification

Version of application form:	2026-igss_vTrackII_1
Name of applicant (surname, first name)	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Nationality	
Gender (m/f/d)	
Private address of applicant , please indicate your street, house number, postal code, town and country	
Email address	
Phone number	
Current academic status	
Grade and date of bachelor's degree , if not yet obtained, please indicate here your expected date of graduation and your current grade	
Institution where bachelor's degree was awarded (name, town, country)	
Explanation of bachelor's transcript grading system , please indicate the best and the worst possible grade	

Note: A Master's Degree is NOT required for *Track II* applicants, **leave blank or write "N/A"**. If you have any master's program course credits, please enquire with the iGSS office regarding reporting requirements.

Grade and date of master's degree, if not yet obtained, write your expected date of graduation and your current grade	
Institution where master's degree was awarded (name, town, country)	
Explanation of master's transcript grading system, please indicate the best and the worst possible grade	
English skills, please indicate the level of proficiency (basics, B2 / good, C1 / fluent)	
Other language skills, please indicate the language(s) and the level of proficiency (basics, good, fluent)	

2. Proposed Doctoral Project (Research Course of Studies)

(Preferred) RESOLV research area, please refer to the glossary below	
(Preferred) supervisor(s) from the list of RESOLV PIs/PSs, please refer to the RESOLV homepage	
(Preferred) second supervisor from the list of RESOLV PIs/PSs, please refer to the RESOLV homepage	

3. Proposed Preparatory Course of Studies

Note: Please ask the iGSS office for guidance, (see Footnote 9).

Proposed preparatory studies indicate a Faculty's Fast-Track program i.e. Chemistry at RUB (footnote 9)	
Starting date of preparatory course of studies most Track II applicants begin "Winter Semester" of applicable year	
Request Track II stipend? yes/no; 1-year DFG Qualifizierungsstipendium est. 800 EUR/month, may NOT be combined with any other funding, scholarship / stipend etc.	

4. Survey Question: How did you learn about iGSS? (E.g. search for PhD on DAAD/PhD Portals; met a RESOLV PI at an international conference; local PhD student/PI discussion)

5. Letter of Motivation *(up to half page)*

6. List of publications

Date and signature of applicant

7. Glossary:

Titles of research areas:

Research Area I: Charge and Electron Transfer – The Solvent in Action

I-1: Putting the Spotlight on Electrified Interfaces

I-2: Molecular Energy Conversion Engines

I-3: Ultracool: Quantum Solvation Science

Research Area II: Solvent Design for Chemical Processes

II-1: Data-Driven Solvent Scales for Reaction Design

II-2: Controlling Assembly and Aggregation by Solvation

II-3: Harnessing High-Energy Processes by Solvent Modulation

II-4: Boosting Chiral Induction by Solvent Optimization

Research Area III: Tuning Stability and Homogeneity

III-1: Product Stability – Solvent is the Key

III-2: Solvating Hydrophobic Molecules by Mesophase Structures

III-3: Phase Engineering Through Solvent Control

8. **RESOLV / iGSS Relevant Faculties for Doctoral Programs with a Preparatory Course of Studies component (also known as Fast-Track)**

TU Dortmund University

Chemie und Chemische Biologie / Chemistry and Chemical Biology

Physik / Physics

Bio- und Chemieingenieurwesen / Bio- and Chemical Engineering

Ruhr University Bochum

Chemie und Biochemie / Chemistry, Biochemistry, or (October 2021 onward only: Molecular Science – Spectroscopy and Simulation)

Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik / Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Maschinenbau / Mechanical Engineering

Biologie und Biotechnologie / Biology and Biotechnology

University Duisburg – Essen

Physik / Physics

Biologie / Biology

Self-Evaluation: please rank competency in the following topics from **1 (least knowledge)** to **4 (most knowledge)**. Grouped by theme, this list covers a wide range of topics that may be found in various preparatory programs and RESOLV research. Items may overlap.

Physical Chemistry / Analytical Methods

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Organic / Inorganic Chemistry

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Theoretical Chemistry

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Biochemistry

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Chemical Engineering

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Physics

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Mathematics / Statistics / Computer Science

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