Information Sheet
Cumulative Dissertations in the Department of Biochemistry, Chemistry, Pharmacy.

Publication-based dissertations are possible if the following criteria are met:

- There must be at least three publications. At least two of these publications must be research papers with the doctoral candidate as first author.
  Further publications can be considered:
  - a review article, if the doctoral candidate is the first author,
  - research papers with the PhD student as co-author, if the contributions are substantial.
- The publications must have appeared in internationally recognized journals with an established peer-review system or at least have been accepted for publication.
- Shared first authorships are considered as first authorships if the individual contributions could also stand alone. It is assumed that, as a rule, no more than two authors share this status. In the introduction to the dissertation (see below), the individual contribution should be made particularly clear.
- The individual contributions of all authors to the publications are to be presented on the form provided for this purpose.
- The supervisor of the dissertation and all co-authors must agree to the use of the publications in a cumulative dissertation.

Application for Cumulative Dissertation:
- Please use the application form on our homepage and send your application to the Dean of the Department of Biochemistry, Chemistry and Pharmacy.
  The following documents must be attached:
  - List of publications
  - Form for the presentation of own contributions as well as of co-authors
  - Approval of the supervisor
  - Consent of the co-authors

Preparation of the cumulative dissertation:
- In addition to the publications, the dissertation includes an approximately 20-30 page paper introducing the topic and reflecting on the publications in a larger context.
- In the case of shared first authorships, emphasis should be placed on making one’s own share clear.
- It should be noted that copyright issues should be clarified by the doctoral candidate with the publishers.
- If you write the dissertation in English, a five-page German summary of your results must be included.
- A short approx. 2-page German summary of the thesis is required for the circulation procedure and has to be handed in to the PhD office together with your documents.