

Regulations of the Bayreuth Centre for Materials Science & Engineering (BayMAT) at the University of Bayreuth dated 30 June 2022

§ 1 Legal status

The Bayreuth Centre for Materials Science & Engineering is a central scientific institute of the University of Bayreuth according to Art. 19 para 5 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHSchG) in accordance with the General Guidelines for the Design of Research Centres and Research Positions at the University of Bayreuth (resolution of the University Governing Board of 11 March 2014 and 18 December 2017).

§ 2 Objectives and tasks

- (1) ¹The aim of BayMAT is to support cross-faculty materials science research and improve knowledge transfer. ²BayMAT has the task of communicating material-specific and process-specific findings, results and approaches to solutions to companies, public institutions and the general public, taking into account existing non-disclosure agreements and patent law concerns. ³The Centre is the point of contact for authorities, industry, associations and educational institutions and participates in corresponding initiatives of these organizations. ⁴BayMAT aims to integrate its research activities into teaching. ⁵Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the faculties, BayMAT will promote interdisciplinary, cross-faculty courses on current problems in materials science. ⁶It participates in international training and education programmes and graduate programmes.
- (2) Membership in BayMAT is expressed in:
- the provision and transfer of resources (human or material resources or equipment) to the Centre; these constitute the central services;
 - the funding request for and implementation of coordinated research projects (e.g. collaborative research centres and joint projects);
 - contributions to coordinated courses.
- (3) ¹The central services of BayMAT have the task of supporting or enabling research work on the above-mentioned topics. ²Central services provide support in the following areas of work, for example:
- material analytics: electron microscopy, nuclear magnetic resonance, X-ray structural analysis, destructive and non-destructive materials testing, thermal, chemical and optical analysis and other materials testing;
 - material production and synthesis;

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- creation and maintenance of material databases and
- public relations and knowledge transfer.

§ 3 Membership

- (1) ¹Scholars working at the University of Bayreuth who have earned a doctoral degree are eligible for membership in BayMAT. ²A member shall be assigned upon written application. ³The BayMAT management committee makes decisions regarding applications for membership. ⁴The Centre is open to members of all faculties.
- (2) ¹Persons with whom the University of Bayreuth envisages coordinated research may be admitted as external members within the framework of a secondary membership in one of the faculties of the University (in accordance with § 1 para 4 of the Constitution of the University of Bayreuth as amended). ²The University Governing Board shall decide on the application on the basis of a proposal by the BayMAT steering committee.
- (3) ¹The members are listed in an external directory of members which is not a part of the present regulations. ²An up-to-date membership directory can be found on the BayMAT homepage.
- (4) ¹Membership is valid for the duration of the assignment to BayMAT and ends upon leaving the university. ²Membership may be terminated at the member's request or revoked by the BayMAT steering committee if there are valid reasons for doing so. ³If the requirements for secondary membership are no longer met, the University Governing Board shall make a decision regarding the termination of membership at the University of Bayreuth; this would also terminate membership in BayMAT.
- (5) ¹Retired professors may become associate members of BayMAT in an advisory capacity. ²They are associated with BayMAT by decision of the BayMAT steering committee in agreement with the members.
- (6) ¹External members and associate members may not be appointed as voting members of the BayMAT steering committee. ²Aside from that, they are neither eligible to vote nor to be elected.
- (7) ¹Members and external members with budgetary resources shall pay an annual financial contribution to the research centre. ²The BayMAT steering committee determines the individual membership fee.
- (8) The use of members' equipment is made possible for other BayMAT members without bureaucracy.
- (9) The members ensure that competent operation of BayMAT is guaranteed.
- (10) ¹In accordance with the publication guidelines of the University of Bayreuth, members are required as authors in publications to include the name of BayMAT. ²If services of BayMAT were used, this should be mentioned in the acknowledgements.

§ 4 Management

- (1) ¹The members of BayMAT shall elect a four-member steering committee from among their number for a period of three years. ²The steering committee shall elect a director and a deputy director from among its members, each for a term of three years. ³The appointment of the steering committee as well as the board of directors shall be made by the University Governing Board of the University of Bayreuth and may be revoked for good cause.
- (2) ¹The steering committee shall be responsible for all matters of BayMAT that are not reserved for the decision of other bodies by law, legal ordinance or allocation of responsibilities at the University of Bayreuth. ²It shall be convened at least once a semester during the lecture period. ³Decisions of the steering committee shall be adopted by simple majority; in the event of a tie, the director shall have the casting vote. ⁴The steering committee coordinates infrastructure as well as research and teaching/decides on the strategic orientation of the research centre and determines the individual membership fee as well as the use of funds. ⁵It shall regularly report on this to the members and shall involve the members in the work through regular meetings.
- (3) ¹The director shall act on behalf of BayMAT. ²He or she shall conduct the day-to-day business, implement the decisions made by the steering committee and represent the common objectives of BayMAT in public. ³In doing so, he or she may delegate the performance of certain tasks to individual BayMAT members. ⁴The director is responsible for the use of physical and capital resources allocated to BayMAT, the operation of infrastructure and equipment, requests for use, quality assurance, training, and the guest programme. ⁵She or he coordinates the deployment of staff working at BayMAT and the use of BayMAT's central technical facilities. ⁶He/she may delegate these duties and associated rights to issue instructions to other full-time employees working at BayMAT. ⁷The director shall also ensure that the personnel working at BayMAT comply with their obligations pursuant to Art. 18 para 1 BayHSchG.

§ 5 Management

¹The director may appoint a research associate of the University of Bayreuth as managing director of BayMAT for a period to be determined; the appointment may be revoked for good cause. ²The managing director shall be selected by a simple majority of the BayMAT steering committee. ³The managing director shall support the director and the deputy director in the management of current business. ⁴The director/ the deputy director shall have the authority to issue technical instructions.

§ 6 Internet presence

¹BayMAT independently maintains an up-to-date website that contains the information necessary for external presentation. ²The page is created using the content management system of the University of Bayreuth according to the corporate design templates (as amended). ³This includes in particular the research profiles of the members, joint research activities, outstanding scientific results, publication activity, international collaborations, and the hosting or activity of visiting scientists.

§ 7 Entry into effect and termination

¹The present regulations go into effect on 1 July 2022. ²They replace the Regulations of the Bayreuth Center for Materials Science & Engineering (BayMAT) dated 15 December 2006, which expired at the end of 30 November 2012.