2018-01: Tuition en bench fees 3MD
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Background
For PhD’s guiding and training is necessary. Guiding is provided by a team consisting of promotor(s), co-promotor and daily supervisor. Training is organized by TU Delft Graduate School by providing a Doctoral Education programme. For enrolling the TU Delft Graduate school an entrance fee of €3,500 is charged. PhD’s are also travelling and visiting conferences. To cover these costs, TU Delft applies a tuition fee of max. €11,000 for the entire period.

In many cases, PhD’s also use work space, laboratory facilities, technicians etc. These costs can also be reimbursed by the PhD by levying a bench fee, being an estimation of the costs the department is going to make providing these facilities.

Tuition and bench fees are of special importance for guest PhD’s: PhD’s with a scholarship, PhD’s from industry and self-funded PhD’s, all being PhD’s of which costs are not covered by a funded research project.

Regulation tuition and bench fees 3MD
3MD needs to be critical in attracting self-funded PhD’s or PhD’s with a scholarship with respect to added value of the PhD to the research programmes and workload of the intended supervisory team. Selection criteria of these PhD’s should be equal to those applied for regular PhD’s (see also: “Measures to improve PhD-yield 3MD”).

For PhD’s of the categories mentioned above, 3MD applies the following regulation:

- PhD’s funded by industry/institutes: k€15,25/jaar (k€2,75 tuition fee, k€12,5 bench fee);
- Self-funded PhD’s and PhD’s with a scholarship: k€5,25/jaar (k€2,75 tuition fee, k€2,5 bench fee), to be financed by the supplier of the scholarship, partner from industry or research projects on which these costs are budgeted.

Derogation of this regulation is only possible if sufficiently motivated. Printing costs of the thesis are being paid by the respective section.