

I, Dr Inmaculada Ponte Marull, Director of the Doctoral School of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona,

CONFIRM the following.

This document is fully accepted as valid by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona provided it is accompanied by a favourable resolution on the holder's admission to the doctoral programme or by proof of enrolment for the current academic year.

— Information on the content of doctoral programmes and the regulations governing them —

Official university-based doctoral studies in Spain are governed by Spanish Royal Decree RD99/2011, of 28 January.

Doctoral programmes correspond to the third cycle of official university studies and their purpose is to provide advanced training in research techniques. They may include courses, seminars or other research training activities and require the preparation and submission of the corresponding doctoral thesis, consisting of an original research work. Each doctoral programme decides on the formative activities to be undertaken by its students. This information can be found on the website <http://www.uab.cat/doctorado>, together with the study format used by the programme, its working languages and those of the doctoral thesis -Catalan, Spanish and/or English-, plus other important details.

Full-time doctoral students are given up to four years from the date of enrolment to deposit their doctoral thesis. Doctoral studies may, however, be pursued part-time, with prior authorisation from the programme's academic committee. In this case, students are allowed up to seven years from the date of enrolment to deposit their doctoral thesis. The mode of study (full-time or part-time) is established for each student at the start of the programme.

The programme's academic committee, if a thesis deposit request is not made within the aforementioned four-year limit –full-time- or seven-year limit –part-time-, may extend this period by one more year, under the conditions established in the corresponding doctoral programme.

Leave of absence on the grounds of illness, pregnancy or any other cause established in the regulations will not be taken into account when calculating the above period. Doctoral students may also apply for one year's temporary leave from the programme, which can be extended by one further year.

Any application for leave must be accompanied by the notification of admission issued by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

For each academic year, the doctoral programme's academic committee establishes the mechanisms for annually reviewing students' progress with their research. Students may only continue with their doctorate in the following academic year if their review is favourable. Students must pay the enrolment fee for each academic year until they submit their doctoral thesis.

Successful completion of doctoral studies leads to the title of doctor, as designated in the Register of Universities, Centres and Degrees (RUCT).

The academic year begins on 1 October and ends on 30 September of the following year.

— Information on the cost of following a doctoral programme —

The fees for doctoral studies are set by the Decree on fees for university studies issued each academic year by the Catalan Government (Generalitat) and published in the *Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia*. The decree is usually published in July and corresponds to the academic year beginning in the following October.

The following are the 2023-2024 fees for academic services at the Catalan public universities and the Open University of Catalonia, as stipulated in Decree 115/2023, of 20 June.

• First-year fees

For bridging courses within a doctoral programme, the fee per credit will be that of the master's degree the course belongs to. The fee may be

- between €18.46 and 27.47€ per credit (doctoral students from the European Union)
- between €66 and €92 per credit (non-resident doctoral students not from the European Union)
- Access to doctoral studies through a foreign degree = €218.15
- Fee for managing enrolment and the academic record = €69.80
- Enrolment = €401.12
- School insurance = €1.12
- Specific services and learning support = €70
- Complementary Insurance = 4,48€

• Fees for the subsequent years of the doctorate (based on the fees set in the Decree on public-sector fees for academic year 2022-2023)

- Fee for managing enrolment and the academic record = €69.80
- Enrolment = €401.12
- School insurance = €1.12
- Specific services and learning support = €70
- Complementary Insurance = 4,48€

In the academic year in which doctoral candidates submit their thesis and defend it before a panel of examiners, they must pay the doctoral thesis enrolment fee: €156.87.

• Fee for issuing the title of doctor, 2023-2024 = €218.15

— Further information about the university —

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is a Catalan public university located on three campuses within the metropolitan region of Barcelona, with code number 22 in the Register of Universities, Centres and Degrees (RUCT).

It is governed under the Organic Law on universities, the Law on universities of Catalonia (and its implementing regulations), Decree-Law 5/1968, of 6 June, by which it was created, and by its Statutes, ratified by Decree 237/2001, of 8 October.

The fiscal identity number of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is Q-0818002H.

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is highly reputed in Europe both for the quality of its teaching and for its innovative research.

In 2009, in the first edition of the Spanish Ministry of Education programme Campus of International Excellence, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona was the first Catalan university to obtain the distinction single-handedly.

The UAB is known internationally for the quality and innovativeness of its research and for coordinating a powerful science and technology hub: the UAB Sphere. This focus on generating and spreading new knowledge out to its surrounding socioeconomic environment has turned the university into a seedbed for top-level researchers, receiving 27 Ministry of Education Pathway to Excellence awards for doctoral programmes governed by RD 1393/2007.

Furthermore, the UAB was one of the first Spanish universities to implement policies on forging alliances with other universities to enrich its academic offerings and gain international projection. The 4 Universities Alliance, with Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) and Universidad Carlos III (UC3M), is a striking example of this.

In recent years the UAB's efforts to boost the quality of its teaching and the impact of its research and to attract international talent have been rewarded by a steady climb up the most prestigious and influential international rankings. It now stands with the highest-placed Spanish universities in world rankings like the QS World University Rankings (QS WUR), the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE WUR) and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), and stands out in the world rankings of young universities (less than 50 years old) published by QS and Times Higher Education.

The UAB website (<http://www.uab.cat>) showcases the university's position in the main international rankings, particularly in relation to the other Spanish universities.

For the record and at the request of the recipient, I issue this document.

This information remains valid from 7 July 2023 to 30 September 2024.

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