COMMITMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DOCTORAL CANDIDATE AND THE THESIS SUPERVISOR(S)

DNI/NIE/passport
Full name
Doctoral programme

Thesis supervisor
Thesis supervisor (if necessary)
Thesis tutor (if necessary)

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The completion of a doctoral degree is an academic and professional activity that enables the doctoral candidate to acquire high-level scientific competencies and fosters critical thought, the scientific method and technological innovation, as well as the acquisition of generic competencies that are valued in positions of responsibility in all social and economic sectors. The doctoral candidate will have to complete a research project that is original and innovative, formulate a personal plan for ongoing training to support the research project, and develop a career plan.

This agreement defines the respective rights and obligations and mutual commitments of the signatories, the fulfilment of which ensures that the aforementioned aims are met during the writing of the doctoral thesis. The agreement is signed by:

- The doctoral candidate
- The thesis supervisor(s) who will oversee the research project
- The academic coordinator of the doctoral programme

It has been approved by the vice-rector for Research Policy on behalf of the institution.

This agreement must be signed by all the parties when the academic committee of the doctoral programme assigns a doctoral thesis supervisor to the doctoral candidate.

1. Mutual cooperation
The doctoral candidate and the thesis supervisor undertake to establish a relationship of mutual collaboration that will enable the doctoral candidate to define the research plan, and to write and defend the thesis in accordance with the procedures and time limits established in the regulations that apply.

2. Obligations and time commitment of thesis supervisors
Thesis supervisors act as mentors and guides to students in their learning process. They must define the initial project and ensure that it is original, innovative and educational. They must also strive to ensure that the project can be completed in the time periods established in the regulations and that students have access to the material and technical means they need.

Thesis supervisors agree to hold regular working meetings with the doctoral candidate to provide guidance and analyse progress made on the research plan. They shall seek to ensure that the doctoral candidate progressively takes greater initiative and gains autonomy as the project progresses.

3. Obligations and time commitment of the doctoral candidates
The doctoral candidate undertakes to complete his/her doctoral studies in accordance with the regulations that apply and the obligations arising from this agreement. He/she shall regularly report to the thesis supervisor(s) regarding progress on the thesis, the results obtained, and any problems that may arise, and shall take any feedback into consideration.

The doctoral candidate's time commitment is time (part-time/full-time), in accordance with the provisions of applicable regulations.

4. Confidentiality
The doctoral candidate undertakes to keep secret any confidential data or information that may be provided or disclosed to him/her orally, in writing, in graphic form, or by any other means by the thesis supervisors, tutor, or any other member of the research team to which he/she belongs; not to disclose, communicate, transfer or divulge such data or information to any third party; and to use any information obtained solely for the purpose of completing his/her doctoral thesis.

The doctoral candidate undertakes not to disclose any information concerning the research project in which he/she is participating that is identified as confidential without first obtaining the express written authorisation of the thesis supervisors and/or tutor. The doctoral candidate agrees to sign any non-disclosure agreements as required by the thesis supervisors, research project supervisor or tutor.
The commitment to confidentiality and secrecy shall continue in force and remain binding even after the administrative and/or employment relationship between the doctoral candidate and the UPC has ended. This also applies to students linked to legal entities other than the UPC.

5. Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights

The doctoral candidate has the right to be recognised as the holder of any intellectual and/or industrial property rights to which he/she is entitled in accordance with legislation in force; to be listed as a co-author of any papers or articles in which research to which he/she has made a significant contribution is discussed; and to be identified as the first author if his/her contribution warrants it.

The doctoral candidate is entitled to exercise the intellectual property rights arising from his/her research training in accordance with his/her contribution and pursuant to legal provisions in force. These rights are independent of, compatible with and additional to any others arising from the research conducted, without prejudice to any constraints arising as a result of the collective character of the work when the doctoral candidate participates in or is linked to a collective research project.

The doctoral candidate’s industrial property rights in respect of the research results shall be determined by reference to the provisions of legislation in force for university patents and based on regulations approved by the UPC and, in the case of students linked to legal entities other than the UPC, to these entities’ respective regulations. In any event, the amounts that he/she may receive for the operation and transfer of those rights will in no case take the form of a salary.

6. Settlement of Disputes

If any of the obligations set out in this document are breached, the parties shall inform the coordinator of the corresponding doctoral programme, who shall act as a mediator. Any disputes that cannot be settled through the mediation of the coordinator and the academic committee of the doctoral programme shall be referred to Doctoral School’s Standing Committee.

If the doctoral degree is completed within the framework of an agreement with another institution, the parties shall abide by the specific provisions contained in the collaboration agreement, which the signatories to this document must be familiar with.

7. Term

This commitment agreement shall come into force on the date on which it is signed by the parties and shall continue in force until the doctoral candidate’s relationship with the UPC ends, with the exception of the provisions concerning obligations that survive indefinitely. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be rendered void if it contravenes the academic regulations governing doctoral studies.

Signatures of all the parties

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If there is a change in supervisor please tick this box: ☐ Attach a copy of the commitment agreement signed previously.

Comments:

Authorisation of the academic committee of the doctoral programme

| Coordinator of the doctoral programme Dr. | Dr Gabriel Bugeda Castelltort Vice-rector for Science Policy. |

N.B.: Remember to fill in the DDTE form and send it to the Doctoral School with this CDDT form if the doctoral thesis has an external supervisor.