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Academic calendar for doctoral studies for the 2024-2025 academic year

**Governing Council Decision CG/2024/01/27, of 21
February 2024, approving the academic calendar for
doctoral studies for the 2024-2025 academic year**

Office of the Vice-Rector for Research

- A favourable report on this document was issued by the Standing Committee on 2 February 2024



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Doctoral School Board

Decision J.ED/2024/01/04

Meeting on 6 February 2024

Standing Committee of the Doctoral School

Decision CP.ED/2024/01/05

Meeting on 30 January 2024



Academic calendar for doctoral studies at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya – 2024-2025 academic year

Legal basis

The [UPC Statutes](#) published in the *Official Gazette of the Catalan Government* (DOGC) no. 6140, of 1 June 2012; Section 5. Doctoral School, Article 44, "Naturalesa", of the data correction in DOGC no. 6257, of 20 November 2012, provides that the Doctoral School is the unit responsible for organising, coordinating and supervising the teaching that leads to the award of a doctoral degree at the UPC. It is also responsible for administrative and management processes carried out by its own staff and with the support of other units, and it performs the functions outlined in the Statutes. The Doctoral School's functions are regulated in Article 35, and they include proposing the regulations on doctoral studies to the Governing Council.

The purpose of the [Academic Regulations for Doctoral Studies](#) (Governing Council Decision CG72023/09/08, of 19 December 2023) is to regulate the academic provisions of doctoral studies. These regulations provide that both the processes and the procedures linked to them must be managed in accordance with the academic calendar for doctoral studies in a given academic year.

This document includes the academic calendar for doctoral studies at the UPC for the 2024-2025 academic year, which was approved by the Standing Committee of the Doctoral School Board in Decision CP-ED/2024/01/05 at a meeting on 30 January 2024. The document was later presented at Doctoral School Board meeting 01/2024, Research Committee meeting 01/2024, held on 2 February 2024, and Governing Council meeting 01/2024, held on 21 February 2024, for its approval.

In view of the above, the Governing Council has taken the following

Decision

1. To approve the academic calendar for doctoral studies at the UPC for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Barcelona, 21 February 2024

Academic calendar for doctoral studies 2024-2025 academic year¹

Area of application

This academic calendar applies to all current doctoral programmes coordinated by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Academic year

The 2024-2025 academic year for doctoral degrees begins on 1 October 2024 and ends on 30 September 2025.

Holidays

The following are holidays (non-working days):

- Saturdays and Sundays and the days set as holidays in the work calendar published by the Government of Catalonia (general holidays), in accordance with Order EMT/153/2023, of 29 May, which establishes the official calendar for non-working days in 2024 (DOGC no. 8935, of 13 June 2023).
- There are also local holidays in each of the towns where UPC schools are located, in accordance with Order EMT/290/2023, of 22 December, which establishes local holidays in Catalonia in 2024 (DOGC no. 9068, of 28 December 2023).
- Periods of low occupancy, in accordance with Board of Trustees Decision CS/2023/09/05, of 21 December 2023, which approves the 2024 UPC budget.

The general holidays in the 2024-2025 academic year are the following:

2024	2025
1 November (Friday)	1 January (Wednesday)
6 December (Friday)	6 January (Monday)
25 December (Wednesday)	18 April (Friday)
26 December (Thursday)	21 April (Monday)
	1 May (Thursday)
	9 June (Monday)
	24 June (Tuesday)
	15 August (Friday)
	11 September (Thursday)

¹ Refer to the specific calendar for your doctoral programme.

Non-teaching periods

The non-teaching periods in the 2024-2025 academic year are the following:

- *Christmas*: from 27 December 2024 to 3 January 2025
- *Easter*: from 7 to 10 April 2025
- *Summer*: from 1 to 31 August 2025

With regard to elections, non-teaching periods are non-working days, in accordance with Article 32.3 of the UPC's election regulations.

Theses can be defended in non-teaching periods, unless the University decides to close the building in which the thesis defence is due to take place in one of these periods.

Applications for admission

Interested parties may apply for admission to a doctoral programme via the virtual platform [Admissió Estudis UPC](#) during the entire academic year, from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

The academic committee of each doctoral programme may establish a specific deadline for the submission of applications for admission to the programme and rulings on these applications in keeping with the work calendar.

The academic committees may rule on admissions for applications submitted for the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic year, without distinction, depending on the number of places on the programme.

Annual enrolment

Ordinary enrolment period: from 25 September to 25 October 2024.

The first enrolment in the doctoral programme is done in the academic year and by the deadline given in the ruling on admission.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, rulings on admission issued after 4 April 2025 refer to admission and enrolment for the 2025-2026 academic year, in accordance with the offer of places approved for each programme for that academic year.

Annual assessment

Deadline for performing annual assessment in the 2024-2025 academic year: 16 September 2025.

Deadline for submitting an appeal to the academic committee of the doctoral programme concerning an assessment result for the 2024-2025 academic year: 30 September 2025.

1 Refer to the specific calendar for your doctoral programme.



The academic committee of each doctoral programme is responsible for informing doctoral candidates of the specific assessment calendar and the process to be followed for submitting an appeal concerning an assessment result.

Thesis deposit

Ordinary period for doctoral thesis deposits: from 1 October to 30 September (general deadline). For the 2024-2025 academic year: from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

The Doctoral School Support Services Unit does not carry out thesis deposits on holidays and non-working days (which include periods of low occupancy), on the non-teaching days listed in this calendar or in the periods from 23 to 24 December 2024 and from 28 to 31 July 2025.

Theses deposited up to 31 July 2025 are considered to belong to the 2024-2025 academic year. Theses deposited in September 2025 are counted in the 2025-2026 academic year, without the need to re-enrol in tutorials.

Research stays

Collaboration agreements (research stays at companies or entities), mobility agreements (research stays at other universities) and external academic placements may involve activities on non-teaching days or holidays during the academic year.

2024-2025 academic year inauguration ceremony

First two weeks in November 2024.

The 2024 Special Doctoral Awards (2021-2022 graduation year) are presented at the 2024-2025 academic year inauguration ceremony.

Doctoral School Open Day

For admission to the 2025-2026 academic year: first two weeks in May 2025.

2025 Special Doctoral Awards

Publication of the call and calendar on the Doctoral School web page: first two weeks in February 2025.

The 2025 Special Doctoral Awards (2022-2023 graduation year) will be presented at the 2025-2026 academic year inauguration ceremony.