



**UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA  
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BARCELONATECH**

## **Academic calendar for doctoral studies for the 2023-2024 academic year**

**Governing Council Decision CG/2023/03/02, of 13 April  
2023, approving the academic calendar for doctoral  
studies for the 2023-2024 academic year.**

**Office of the Vice-Rector for Research**

- A favourable report on this document was issued by the Research Committee on 4 April 2023



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## Academic calendar for doctoral studies 2023-2024 academic year

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Doctoral School Board  
Decision JE/2023/03/04  
Meeting on 14 April 2023

Standing Committee of the Doctoral School  
[Decision CP.ED/2023/03/04](#)  
Meeting on 28 March 2023

# Academic calendar for doctoral studies 2023-2024 academic year<sup>1</sup>

## Area of application

This academic calendar applies to all current doctoral programmes coordinated by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in the 2023-2024 academic year.

## Academic year

The 2023-2024 academic year starts on 1 October 2023 and ends on 30 September 2024.

## 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/81/2022, of 21 April, which establishes the official calendar for non-working days in Catalonia in 2023 (*Official Gazette of the Catalan Government* no. 8656, of 28 April 2022).
- There are also local holidays in each of the towns where UPC schools are located, in accordance with Order EMT/278/2022, of 20 December, which establishes local holidays in Catalonia in 2023 (*Official Gazette of the Catalan Government* no. 8818, of 22 December 2022).
- Periods of low occupancy, in accordance with Governing Council Decision CS/2022/07/05, of 19 December 2022, which approves the 2023 UPC budget.

The general holidays in the 2023-2024 academic year are the following:

| 2023                   | 2024                     |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 October (Thursday)  | 1 January (Monday)       |
| 1 November (Wednesday) | 29 March (Friday)        |
| 6 December (Wednesday) | 1 April (Monday)         |
| 8 December (Friday)    | 1 May (Wednesday)        |
| 25 December (Monday)   | 24 June (Monday)         |
| 26 December (Tuesday)  | 15 August (Thursday)     |
|                        | 11 September (Wednesday) |

<sup>1</sup> See the specific calendar for your doctoral programme.

## Non-teaching periods

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The non-teaching periods in the 2023-2024 academic year are the following:

- *Christmas*: from 27 December 2023 to 5 January 2024
- *Easter*: from 25 to 28 March 2024
- *Summer*: from 1 to 31 August 2024

With regard to elections, non-teaching periods are holidays, in accordance with [Article 32.3 of the UPC's election regulations](#).

Theses can be defended in non-teaching periods, unless the University agrees to close its buildings in any of these periods.

## Applications for admission

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Interested parties may apply for admission to a doctoral programme throughout the academic year using the [UPC Admissions online platform](#) from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

The academic committee of each doctoral programme may establish a specific deadline for submitting applications and publishing decisions.

The academic committee must assess and rule on applications in accordance with the work calendar.

The academic committees may rule on admissions for applications submitted for the 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 academic year, without distinction, depending on the number of places on the programme.

## Annual enrolment

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*Ordinary enrolment period*: from 25 September to 20 October 2023

The first enrolment in the doctoral programme must be done in the academic year and in the period specified in the decision on admission.

Unless otherwise stated, decisions on admissions issued after 5 April 2024 correspond to admissions and enrolment in the 2024-2025 academic year, depending on the number of places on the programme for this academic year.

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## Annual assessment

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**Deadline for annual assessment in the 2023-2024 academic year:** 16 September 2024.

Deadline for submitting appeals to the academic committee on assessment results in the 2023-2024 academic year: 20 September 2024.

The academic committee of each doctoral programme is responsible for publishing the specific assessment calendar and the procedure for submitting appeals on assessments.

## Thesis deposit

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*Ordinary period for the doctoral thesis deposit: from 1 October to 30 September (usual period)* Considering the 2023-2024 calendar: from 2 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

The Doctoral School Support Services Unit will not carry out thesis deposits on holidays and non-working days (which include periods of low occupancy), on the non-teaching days specified on this calendar, from 20 to 22 December 2023 or from 29 to 31 July 2024.

Theses deposited up to 30 September 2024 are considered to belong to the 2023-2024 academic year.

## 2023-2024 academic year inauguration ceremony

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First fortnight of November 2023.

During the course of the ceremony, the 2023 Special Doctoral Awards (2020-2021 graduation year) will be presented.

## Doctoral School Open Day

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*For admission in the 2024-2025 academic year:* First fortnight of May 2024.

## 2024 Special Doctoral Awards

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*Publication of the call and calendar:* First fortnight of February 2024.

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

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