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Academic calendar for doctoral studies for the 2025-2026 academic year

**Governing Council Decision CG/2025/02/07, of 25
March 2025, approving the academic calendar for
doctoral studies for the 2025-2026 academic year.**

Office of the Vice-Rector for Research



- A favourable report on this document was issued by the Research Committee on 19 March 2025.



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Favourable reports on this document

-  **Doctoral School Board.** Decision J.ED/2025/01/02, of 6 February 2025
-  **Standing Committee of the Doctoral School.** Decision CP.ED/2025/01/02, of 27 January 2025

¹ Refer to the specific calendar for your doctoral programme.

Academic calendar for doctoral studies. 2025-2026 academic year¹

Scope

This academic calendar applies to all current doctoral programmes coordinated by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Academic year

The 2025-2026 academic year for doctoral degrees begins on 1 October 2025 and ends on 30 September 2026.

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/85/2024, of 23 April, which establishes the official calendar for non-working days in Catalonia in 2025 (DOGC no. 9151, of 26 April 2024).
- Pending the publication of the EMT order of the Government of Catalonia that establishes non-working days in Catalonia in 2026.
- There are also local holidays in each of the towns where UPC schools are located, in accordance with Order EMT/262/2024, of 28 December, which establishes local holidays in Catalonia in 2025 (DOGC no. 9068, of 28 December 2023).
- Periods of low occupancy, in accordance with Board of Trustees Decision CS/2024/07/07, of 20 December 2024, which approves the 2025 UPC budget.

General holidays (non-working days) in Catalonia in the 2025-2026 academic year are the following:

2025	2026
1 November (Saturday) <i>All Saints' Day</i> 6 December (Saturday) <i>Constitution Day</i> 8 December (Monday) <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 25 December (Thursday) <i>Christmas Day</i> 26 December (Friday) <i>Boxing Day</i>	1 January (Thursday) <i>New Year's Day</i> 6 January (Tuesday) <i>Epiphany</i> 3 April (Friday) <i>Good Friday</i> 6 April (Monday) <i>Easter Monday</i> 1 May (Friday) <i>International Workers' Day</i>

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	25 May (Monday) <i>Pentecost</i> 24 June (Wednesday) <i>Saint John's Day</i> 15 August (Saturday) <i>Assumption of Mary</i> 11 September (Friday) <i>National Day of Catalonia</i>
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Non-teaching periods

The non-teaching periods in the 2025-2026 academic year are the following:

- *Christmas*: from 27 December 2025 to 4 January 2026
- *Easter*: from 30 March to 6 April 2026
- *Summer*: from 3 to 31 August 2026

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

Theses must be defended on a teaching day (Article 15, "Public defence of the thesis", of the UPC's Academic Regulations for Doctoral Studies, Decision CG/2023/09/08, of 19 December).

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 2025 to 30 September 2026.

In addition to this general period, 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.

The academic committees may rule on admissions for applications submitted for the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 academic year, without distinction, depending on the number of places on the programme.

Annual enrolment

Ordinary enrolment period: from 22 September to 24 October 2025

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

Unless expressly stated otherwise, rulings on admission issued after 1 April 2026 refer to admission and enrolment for the 2026-2027 academic year, in accordance with the offer of places approved for each programme for that academic year.

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Annual assessment

- *Deadline for 2024-2025 reassessment by the academic committee of the doctoral programme: 15 March 2026.*
- *Deadline for 2025-2026 annual assessment: 15 September 2026.*
- *Deadline for submitting an appeal to the academic committee of the doctoral programme concerning an assessment result for the 2025-2026 academic year: 30 September 2026.*
- *Deadline for 2025-2026 reassessment by the academic committee of the doctoral programme: 15 March 2027.*

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 the doctoral thesis deposit: from 1 October to 30 September (general deadline).

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 following periods:

- from 22 to 24 December 2025
- from 27 to 31 July 2026

Theses deposited up to 30 September 2026 are considered to belong to the 2025-2026 academic year.

Thesis deposit deadlines for defences before the Christmas (2025) and summer (2026) holidays

For the public thesis defence to take place before the Christmas or summer holidays, the deadline for the Doctoral School to accept the deposit (including prior enrolment for the thesis deposit through the management unit of the doctoral programme) is:

- **24 November 2025:** deadline for the public thesis defence to take place in 2025.

If there are no problems during the deposit, this date guarantees that the defence can be scheduled from *19 December 2025* onwards.

- **3 July 2026:** deadline for the public thesis defence to take place before the summer holidays. If there are no problems during the deposit, this date guarantees that the defence can be scheduled from *28 July 2026* onwards.

If the thesis is awarded a mark of Excellent, the Doctoral School initiates the voting process for the *cum laude* distinction when it receives the results from the examination committee. However, we cannot guarantee that the votes will be counted before the end of the year or the summer holidays. In addition, you must apply for your degree certificate afterwards, from the programme's managing unit.

For all of the above, it is important that you take into account these deadlines and any subsequent paperwork if you want to receive the degree certificate before a given date.

2025-2026 academic year inauguration ceremony

First two weeks in November 2025.

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

Doctoral School Open Day

For admission in the 2026-2027 academic year: first two weeks in May 2026.

2026 Special Doctoral Awards

Publication of the call and calendar on the Doctoral School web page: first two weeks in February 2026.

The 2026 Special Doctoral Awards (2023-2024 graduation year) are presented at the 2026-2027 academic year inauguration ceremony.