

## DOCTORATE COMMITMENT DOCUMENT

### Doctoral student

Surnames	Name	DNI / NIE / Passport
Doctoral programme		

The Doctorate constitutes the third cycle of official University studies, and enables people to acquire the knowledge and skills related to quality scientific research. It comprises an original and innovative research project; a continuing personal training plan as support for the research project; and preparation of the professional doctorate project.

This document sets out the respective rights and duties, and the mutual commitment of the signatories, to ensure attainment of the aforementioned objectives during the preparation of the doctoral thesis. The signatories are:

- The doctoral student.
- The thesis supervisor, who guides the research project, and the tutor.

### 1. Mutual collaboration

The doctoral student and the supervisor or supervisors are committed to collaborating mutually to attain the following: first, the preparation and submission of the doctoral thesis; and second, the defence of the doctoral thesis by the student, in accordance with the procedures and conditions established in the relevant regulations.

### 2. Obligations and commitment of the thesis supervisor

The supervisor or supervisors of the thesis agree to monitor regularly the Research Plan of the doctoral student, guiding and focusing the project as it develops.

Likewise, the supervisor must ensure that the Doctoral student takes the initiative and gradually gains autonomy as the project progresses.

The thesis supervisor shall ensure that the project is original, educational and innovative, that it can be undertaken under the terms proposed by the doctoral student and that is consistent with the line of research to which it is related.

To these effects, the dedication of the supervisor or supervisors shall be acknowledged in accordance with the current regulations of the University of Valencia.

### 3. Obligations and dedication of the Doctoral student

The doctoral student is committed to carrying out the doctoral studies within the framework of the applicable regulations and in line with the commitments arising from this document. The student must regularly inform the supervisor of the progress of the work, results obtained, and problems that may arise. Likewise, the Doctoral student must agree to comply with the comments made by the supervisor or supervisors, observing the applicable full- or part-time dedication regimen.

To these effects, the dedication of the doctoral student will be \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

#### **4. Confidentiality**

The Doctoral student agrees to observe the secrecy of all data that may be regarded as confidential, and which the thesis supervisor or supervisors, the tutor or any other member of the research team may provide him / her with in verbal, graphic or any other format of disclosure. Likewise, the Doctoral student agrees not to reveal, report, transfer or disclose to other parties any information relating to his / her work, and to use the information obtained only for the purpose of preparing the doctoral thesis.

The Doctoral student agrees not to reveal any information concerning the research project without prior express written permission from the supervisor or supervisors of the doctoral thesis or the tutor.

The doctoral student shall sign any confidentiality agreements that may be required by the supervisor or supervisors of the doctoral thesis, the director of the research project or the tutor.

The confidentiality and secrecy agreement will remain in force and will be binding even after the end of the administrative or employment relationship between the doctoral student and the University of Valencia.

#### **5. Intellectual / industrial property**

The doctoral student has the right to be acknowledged as the holder of the intellectual or industrial property rights to which he/she may be entitled in accordance with current legislation, and to appear as co-author in all papers, articles or communications dealing with the research studies in which the doctoral student has been significantly involved.

The doctoral student has the right to exercise the intellectual property rights derived from his / her training activity in the research and in accordance with the contribution made by him / her, as established by current legislation. The aforementioned rights are independent of, and compatible and cumulative with other rights that may be derived from the research carried out, notwithstanding conditioning factors derived from collective work in the event the Doctoral student participates in, or is linked to, a collective research project.

Regarding the possible industrial property rights to which the Doctoral student may be entitled in relation to the results of the research, he / she will be bound to the considerations of current legislation on University patents or to the regulations established by the University of Valencia. In no case will the amounts that may be received for exploitation or transmission of the mentioned rights correspond to the nature of a salary.

However, in the event the research project corresponds to an industrial doctorate, the intellectual and industrial property regimen will abide with the agreement signed between the University of Valencia and the corresponding company or public administration.

#### **6. Resolution of conflicts**

In the case of non-compliance with the commitments set out in this document, the parties must inform the Coordinator of the Doctoral Programme, who shall act as mediator. If such mediation fails to resolve the conflict, the issue will be forwarded to the Doctoral Subcommission for due resolution. An appeal may be lodged before the Rector against the resolution of the doctorate Subcommission of the faculty or school, under the terms established by Act 39/2015 of 1 of October, referred to the Common Administrative Procedure of the Public Administrations.

If the doctorate is carried out within the framework of a collaboration agreement with another institution, the parties must comply with the particular specifications established in the collaboration agreement, and which the signatories of this regulation must know about.

### 7. Validity

This document will remain in effect from the date of signature until the defence of the doctoral thesis. Nevertheless, it will be considered void in the event of non-compliance with any of the clauses contained in the document or with the UV regulations for admission of the thesis project regarding preparation, authorisation, nomination of the examination board and the evaluation of doctoral theses of the University of Valencia.

Valencia, dated

Signed by: The Doctoral student

Signed by: The tutor	Signed by: The Thesis supervisor
Signed by: The Thesis supervisor 2	Signed by: The Thesis supervisor 3

(In the event of **co-supervision** of the Thesis, all the assigned supervisors are required to sign)