

AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT SUPERVISION OF A DOCTORAL THESIS

BETWEEN

Rectora Ms M^a Vicenta Mestre Escrivà, on behalf of the University of Valencia, by virtue of her appointment under Decree 41/2018, of 6 April, of the Consell (DOGV n^o 8270, 10/4/2018), acting with the authority conferred to her by Article 20.1 of the Organic Law 6/2001, of 21 December, on Universities as amended by the Organic Law 4/2007, of 12 April, and the Article 94 of the Constitution of the University of Valencia approved by Decree 45/2013, of 28 March, of the Consell amending the Constitution of the University of Valencia-General Studies approved by Decree 128/2004, of 30 July, of the Consell,

AND

Mr/Ms, on behalf of the University of

WHEREAS

Both institutions have an interest in establishing and developing scientific cooperation to promote the mobility of doctoral students;

Both institutions consider it desirable to develop collaborative research initiatives in order to achieve greater effectiveness and efficiency in their respective fields;

Both parties agree to establish a framework within which successive actions can be performed.

And so, under the legislation on doctoral studies in force in the respective countries of the signatory institutions, both parties agree to the signing of this specific agreement for the international joint supervision of doctoral theses, in accordance with the following

PROVISIONS

One. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement aims at establishing the general conditions for institutional collaboration between the two universities for the international joint supervision of the doctoral thesis set out in the annex to this document.

Two. DURATION OF DOCTORAL STUDIES

The research work leading to the formulation of the thesis that will be carried out in both universities may not exceed three full-time years or five part-time years.

This period may exceptionally be extended only after a favourable report from the University of _____ and the University of Valencia, and at the suggestion of the doctoral student by agreement with the thesis supervisors. Any request for deferral must be made at least six months before the date set for completion of the thesis and must comply with the legal regulations regarding the duration of and continuance in doctoral studies.

Three. TUITION FEES AND REGISTRATION OF THE THESIS

Doctoral students must register their PhD project at the two universities, according to their respective applicable rules.

Tuition fees for academic supervision, or equivalent services, must be paid annually in the university hosting the longer stay.

Doctoral students will benefit from the services and infrastructure at both universities.

Four. MOBILITY AND SCHEDULE

The preparatory work for the thesis can be carried out during uninterrupted or alternate stays at the two universities, providing for a minimum stay of no less than nine months at each.

Five. CO-SUPERVISION

Thesis supervisors must hold a doctoral qualification and have proven research experience. Thesis supervisors undertake to carry out their roles fully and to deal with any issues related to the development of the student's research on a regular basis.

If any of the supervisors ceased to be so, they would be replaced following the rules established by the relevant university. Any changes of supervisor must be notified to the doctoral student and to the other university. Otherwise, this agreement would automatically lapse. In such cases, doctoral students must be guaranteed the right to finish their doctoral studies at the other supervisor's institution.

Six. LANGUAGE

The thesis must be written in the official language of one of the signatory universities and both the abstract and the conclusions must use a language that is official at the other university.

If the thesis is drawn up in English, the abstract and the conclusions must be written in duplicate in the official languages of both institutions. The languages chosen both for the writing and for the defence must be stated in the annex.

Seven. SPECIFIC INFORMATION. ANNEX

The annex to this agreement must provide the following details of the thesis under co-supervision:

1. Full name of doctoral student
2. Title proposed for the doctoral thesis
3. Identification of the doctors who will take charge of the co-supervision of the thesis, at least one for each institution
4. Estimated research time
5. Schedule of periods of stay or research planned at each institution
6. University where the thesis defence will be held
7. Official languages used in the thesis and in its defence
8. Signature of the doctoral student
9. Signature of co-supervisors

Eight. DEPOSIT AND DEFENCE

The thesis must be deposited in both institutions as required by their respectively applicable regulations for the purposes of advertising.

The thesis defence will be conducted only once and recognised by both institutions. The university hosting the defence must be specified in the annex to this agreement.

Nine. EXAMINATION PANEL

The thesis examination panel will be appointed after the deposit of the thesis has been made.

The panel will be composed of academic representatives agreed by both institutions who are mainly external members unrelated to the partner universities, preferably, and formally appointed by the university where the thesis defence will take place. The number of panel members must be in compliance with the rules in force in each university.

Thesis supervisors can participate in the discussion but not in the assessment of the thesis.

The expenses incurred by the members of the panel appointed for the oral examination and defence of the thesis will be paid for by the university hosting the defence.

Ten. DOCTORAL DEGREE

Under this agreement, the signatory institutions will recognise the validity of the doctoral thesis defended and undertake to issue the corresponding doctoral degree in accordance with the regulations governing the issuance of degrees prevailing in each country, and upon payment of the corresponding publicly regulated fees.

Both institutions must provide the doctoral student with the certificates, documents and formalities needed for the recognition and for the remaining provisions of this agreement to become effective at the other university.

Eleven. SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE COVERAGE

Doctoral students will be responsible for their health coverage in case of illness or accident during their stay in each of the universities. Also, they will be responsible for taking out repatriation insurance in case of illness or accident during periods of mobility, according to the regulations of each university.

Twelve. DATA PROTECTION

The thesis topic as well as the publication, exploitation and protection of research results deriving from the work of doctoral students at the two institutions will be protected by the regulations in force following the specific procedures of each country involved in the joint supervision.

Thirteen. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL LAW AND UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The provisions contained herein cannot oppose national legislation or institutional regulations on doctoral studies and on obtaining a doctoral degree in any of the two countries.

The parties agree to act in accordance with the regulations in force in both institutions and with their codes of practice, and to resolve any dispute that may arise from the interpretation of such regulations by mutual agreement.

Fourteen. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

By means of their thesis supervisors, the two universities will exchange all the information and documentation necessary for the co-supervision, preparation and defence of the doctoral thesis.

The following departments will be in charge of administrative procedures at each university:

At the University -----
[Contact details / e-mail]

At the University of Valencia:
Doctoral Studies School
Office of de Principal-level 0
Avda. Blasco Ibáñez, 13
46013 Valencia
e-mail: escoladoctorat@uv.es; doctorat@uv.es
Tel.: (+34) 96 3983006

Fifteen. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement will enter into force on the date of signature by the representatives of the two universities and will be in effect while its causes and objectives remain in place.

Sixteen. TERMINATION

This specific agreement and the annex adopted thereunder may be terminated by either party in the event of non-fulfilment by the other party, or if changes in applicable regulations prevent its continuation. However, this agreement cannot be rendered null or void until the necessary measures have been taken to ensure that doctoral students can fulfil their doctoral theses.

In witness whereof, the parties sign two copies in Spanish and [.....] at the place and date indicated below.

València, [date]

[Place], [date]

Signed: _____
Rector of the University of

Signed: _____
M^a Vicenta Mestre Escrivà
Rector of the University of Valencia

Signed: _____
Director, Graduate School of Science

Signed: _____
Prof. José Vicente Bagán Sebastián
Director of the Doctoral School

ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT SUPERVISION OF A DOCTORAL THESIS

A	DOCTORAL STUDENT	
Surname	Name	Passport/ID number
Provisional title of thesis		
Doctoral programme		
B	AGREEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL JOINT SUPERVISION	
Partner university		
C	CO-SUPERVISION OF THESIS	
Full name of the doctors of the University of Valencia (UV) who will co-supervise the thesis (at least one)		
Full name of the doctors of the partner university who will co-supervise the thesis (at least one)		
D	SCHEDULE	
Estimated research time		
Schedule of periods of stay or research expected at the University of Valencia		
Schedule of periods of stay or research expected at the partner university		
University where the defence of the thesis will be held		
Official languages to be used in the thesis and in its defence		
E	CONSENT	
The signatories of this document declare to know the content of the specific agreement into which this annex is incorporated and sign this document as proof of acknowledgement of their obligations.		
The doctoral student	The person responsible for the doctoral programme at the UV	The partner university
Signed: _____ Date: _____	Signed: _____ Date: _____	Signed: _____ Date: _____
The thesis supervisors from both universities (signature, full name and date)		