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Having regard to Law No 240 of 30 December 2010, "Regulations concerning the organisation of the universities, academic staff and hiring, as well as the government's mandate to incentivise the quality and efficiency of the university system";

Having recalled the University of Turin's Statute, issued with Rector's Decree No. 1730 of 15 March 2012, in particular, art. 48(2)(m);

Having regard to the Decree of the Minister for Universities and Research No. 226 of 14 December 2021, "Regulations on procedures for accrediting Doctoral schools and courses and criteria for establishing Doctoral courses by the accredited Institutions",

Having recalled the "University of Turin Regulations for the establishment and operation of the Doctoral School and Doctoral Courses issued with Rector's Decree No. 28 of 07 January 2021;

Having regard to article 6, paragraph 7 of Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021 wherein it is stipulated that the Universities can organise doctoral courses into Doctoral Schools, invested with course coordination and management of common activities;

Having identified the need to update the above-mentioned Regulations in line with what is set forth by Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021;

Having regard to resolution No. 7/2021/IV/3 of 20 April 2021, whereby the Academic Senate adopted simplified methods for admission procedures for Research Doctorate Courses starting from the XXXVII cycle, with reference to what is contained in Annex 3 to the Regulations, now Annex 2;

Having considered the proposals received by the Council of the Doctoral School and integrated into the preliminary document;

Having consulted the Mixed Academic Senate and Board of Governors Commission of 23 February 2022;



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Having regard to the proposal No. 2/2022/VI/2 of 24 February 2022, whereby the Board of Governors expressed a favourable opinion on the amendments to the University of Turin Regulations regarding the operation of the Doctoral School and Doctoral Courses, proposing some amendments;

Having taken into account resolution No. 2/2022/IV/1 of 29 March 2022, whereby the Academic Senate expressed a favourable opinion on the amendments to the University of Turin Regulations regarding the operation of the Doctoral School and Doctoral Courses;

Having examined all the elements;

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the issuing of the University of Turin Regulations regarding the operation of the Doctoral School and Doctoral Courses in the attached text that constitutes an integral part of this decree.

THE RECTOR

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**UNIVERSITY OF TURIN REGULATIONS
REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL AND DOCTORAL
COURSES**

(pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021)

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TITLE I - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Art. 1

Scope

1. These Regulations govern the operation of the Doctoral School (hereinafter: the School) of the University of Turin (hereinafter: the University), established with Rector's Decree 3411/2018 of 30/08/2018.
2. In addition, these Regulations govern the establishment, setting up, and operation of the Research Doctorate Courses of the University (hereinafter: Courses), in compliance with the provisions referred to in art. 4 of Law No. 210 of 3 July 1998, amended by art. 19(1) of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, as amended and supplemented, and of the University Statute.
3. For the Courses set up based on an agreement or consortium with universities and national and international public or private parties, the regulations of the university operating office are in force, as well as the provisions of the founding agreement.

TITLE II - THE SCHOOL

Art. 2

Purposes of the School and context

1. The University organises its Courses within the School.
2. The School undertakes to ensure that the Research Doctorate provides doctoral students with the skills necessary to undertake highly specialised research activities at the university, public authorities, or private parties, including for the purposes of starting careers in public administrations and supplementing professional paths with a high degree of innovativeness. The doctoral training must be consistent with the principles and guidelines shared at a European level as identified by the Ministerial Decree in force.
3. The Courses with operating office at the University and those agreement-based or consortium-led ones to which the University is a partner, including industrial and national interest doctorates, belong to the School.
4. The University Courses may be part of the University Medical Doctor MD/ PhD programme, according to what is set forth by the special MD/PhD regulations.

Art. 3

Goals

1. The School aims to promote and implement the strategic choices, as defined by the governing bodies of the University, regarding the Research Doctorate.



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2. The School promotes and coordinates the educational, cultural, and interdisciplinary activities in compliance with the Courses' special features. These activities constitute an essential and integral part of the University's third-level education offering.
3. The School subjects the Courses to regular evaluation according to the criteria and methods set by the University.

Art. 4 Resources

1. The School may have financial and material resources assigned to it in whatever capacity by the University, by national or international, public and private parties.

Art. 5 Governing bodies

1. The following are governing bodies of the School:
 - a) Management;
 - b) the Board;
 - c) the Council.
2. The composition of the bodies considers gender balance where possible.
3. The meetings of the bodies are valid when the majority of the members, net those who have sent their apologies, participates in them.
4. The resolutions of the bodies are adopted by a majority of those present.

Art. 6 Management

1. The Management of the School is assumed by a full-time, tenured professor of the University who is elected by the Council from among the members of the Board. Their mandate lasts three years and cannot be renewed.
2. Once elected, the Director of the School withdraws from the role of Coordinator;
3. Management:
 - a) represents the School in internal and external relationships;
 - b) coordinates the School's activities;
 - c) convenes and chairs the Board and the Council. If the Director cannot chair the meetings of the bodies, the chair is assumed by the member of the Board with the highest academic grade and with the greatest academic seniority;
 - d) announces the elections for the membership of the Board and for the representation of doctoral students.

Art. 7 The Board



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1. The Board is elected by the Council of the School and consists of 5 members, including the Director, of which 4 are teaching staff and 1 is a doctoral student representative. Each teaching staff member of the Board represents one of the 4 macro-areas identified by the University Statute. The Board is appointed for three years.
2. The electors are all the members of the Council; each member has the right to one vote.
3. For the teaching staff membership, the candidates are the Coordinators designated for the start of the cycle subsequent to that in which the election is held; for the doctoral student membership, the representatives of the doctoral students of the Council.
4. Before the election, each Course must confirm its affiliation with a given macro area.
5. The Director of the Research Division, or their representative, participates in the work of the Board, without voting rights.
6. The Board:
 - a) assists Management in exercising its functions;
 - b) prepares the files to submit to the governing bodies;
 - c) contributes to developing the University strategies regarding the doctoral programme, developing proposals to submit to the Council for consideration.

Art. 8
The Council

1. The Council consists of:
 - a) the Director of the School, with the functions of Chair;
 - b) the Course Coordinators. If the Coordinator is based at another university, the Faculty Board can identify a contact person based in the University with the task of representing the Course in the Council;
 - c) the University contact persons for the agreement-based or consortium-led Courses with an operating office other than the University, designated by the Faculty Board;
 - d) two doctoral student representatives for each macro area represented in the Board.
2. The Director of the Research Division, or their representative, participates in the work of the Council, without voting rights.
3. If a member of the Council is absent, the deputy coordinators may participate as auditors. In the case of university contact person members, a member of the faculty board may be delegated as auditor.
4. The length of the appointment as Council member coincides with the length of the appointment as coordinator or contact person of the University for the agreement-based or consortium-led Courses.
5. The doctoral student representatives, elected every two years, are replaced at the end of their student careers, drawing on the lists of those elected. If the lists are exhausted, the School Management announces new elections.



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6. The Council:

- a) contributes to defining the programme lines whose approval is the responsibility of the University's governing bodies;
- b) proposes any amendments to the Regulations regarding the doctoral programme to the University governing bodies;
- c) defines the methods for using the resources available to the School;
- d) defines, approves, and coordinates the interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary educational and training activities, and linguistic and IT specialisation activities, including in common among several doctorate courses;
- e) expresses an opinion on the proposals to submit to the University governing bodies regarding:
 - i) setting up new Courses;
 - ii) setting up and renewing agreement-based or consortium-led Courses;
 - iii) amending standard models and agreement texts and consortium agreements for setting up new Courses;
- f) contributes to proposing assessment criteria and models to the governing bodies, and organising their implementation;
- g) contributes to applying the assessment procedures defined by the University governing bodies, as well as the accreditation procedures;
- h) creates any permanent or temporary working groups within the Council regarding issues of specific interest.

TITLE III - COURSES

Section I - Institution and Bodies

Art. 9

Setting up and starting Courses

1. The proposal for setting up a new Course may be presented by University teaching staff according to the methods stipulated in Annex 1.
2. The Courses may also be set up in an associated form, as part of an agreement or in a consortium.
3. The methods for starting and operating the Courses referred to in para. 2 are defined by the setting-up procedures referred to in para. 1, and by a special agreement drafted according to the model approved by the University governing bodies.
4. The mere change in a Course title may be resolved upon by the Faculty Board. It must be communicated to the School and, in any case, does not constitute in and of itself a new Course.
5. Launching a new curriculum within an existing course is resolved upon by the Faculty Board and is communicated to the School if it is mainly organisational in nature. It is subject to the technical and disciplinary opinion of the School if it constitutes an expansion of the Course's disciplinary training areas.

Art. 10

Accreditation of Courses and locations

1. The School coordinates the accreditation procedures both in the initial phase and in the regular testing of the University and collaborates with the University bodies.



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2. The University launches the Courses subject to the annual accreditation granted by the competent Minister, based on the compliant opinion of ANVUR (the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research Systems), in line with the general university system guidelines and with the Standards for ensuring quality in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).
3. The Course Coordinator submits the application for accreditation to the competent Minister.
4. The regulations and guidelines in force identify the requirements for the purposes of Course accreditation.

Art. 11
Course Bodies

1. The following are the Course bodies:
 - a) The Coordinator
 - b) The Faculty Board

Art. 12
The Coordinator

1. The Coordinator is a full-time, tenured full professor or, alternatively, full-time, tenured associate professor who has strong academic qualifications, attested to based on the requirements set forth by the current legislation, elected by the Faculty Board from among its members. The Coordinator is appointed for 3 years and can be consecutively re-elected just once; in this calculation, only mandates that last more than 1.5 years are considered.
2. The coordination role may be held in just one faculty board nationally.
3. The Coordinator:
 - a) represents the Course in all the institutional forums;
 - b) is an ex-officio member of the Council;
 - c) coordinates the Course's teaching and research activities;
 - d) convenes and chairs the Faculty Board and implements its resolutions;
 - e) presents the Course accreditation proposal according to the current legislation and assumes the related duties, including in relation to regular testing.

Art. 13
The Faculty Board

1. The Faculty Board consists of at least twelve members belonging to disciplinary areas in line with the educational goals of the course and possesses the qualifications regulated by the current legislation.
2. The composition of the Faculty Board and persons who may be part of it are regulated by the current legislation.



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3. Participation in the faculty board of a doctoral programme initiated by a party other than the University of Turin is subject to the authorisation of the relevant unit.
4. 20%, rounded to the nearest whole, of the members of the faculty board are doctoral students. These representatives only participate in the meetings of the Faculty Board in discussing topics concerning educational and organisational activities. The representatives remain in their appointments until the end of their doctoral programme cycle. They are replaced by drawing upon the lists of elected or, if those lists are exhausted, via new elections.
5. The applications to participate in the Faculty Board are submitted to the Coordinator and approved by the Faculty Board based on documented research merits in the Course's disciplinary fields.
6. The meetings of the Faculty Board are valid when the majority of the members, net those who have sent their apologies, participates in them.
7. The resolutions of the Faculty Board are adopted by a majority of those present.
8. The Faculty Board is tasked with planning and implementing the Doctoral Course:
 - a) it organises the Course research training and educational activities;
 - b) it prepares the procedures relating to the admission exams, on-going monitoring, and final exams based on the models adopted by the University;
 - c) it assigns each doctoral student a supervisor and one or more co-supervisors;
 - d) it informs the Directors of the Departments concerned the assigning of doctoral students to their respective supervisors and supervisor for duties relating to the doctoral student activities and, where a research requirement is identified connected to the doctoral student project, requests setting up and entering into a co-supervisory agreement with a university partner;
 - e) it coordinates the activities of the supervisors;
 - f) it jointly proceeds with the regular testing of each doctoral student's progress and defines the goals to be achieved for admission to years following the first year and the final exam;
 - g) it approves entering into conventions and agreements with national and international public and private bodies, including those relating to co-supervisory agreements;
 - h) it proposes appointments for members of the Selection Committees for admission to Courses and final exam Committees to the Rector;
 - i) it gathers and discusses the requests of doctoral students and supervisors on issues regarding the progress of the doctoral course.

Art. 14

Supervisor and co-supervisors

1. Supervision must be performed by University teaching staff or that of Universities in a consortium or agreement; co-supervision may be performed by those who belong to the University or other, external national and international public or private research bodies or those party to an agreement or consortium, as long as at least one has the requirements for the members of the faculty board.
2. The Faculty Board arranges the educational and training course and research project with the supervisors and doctoral student.
3. The total number of supervisors must be enough to ensure a suitable ratio with those doctoral students being educated.



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4. The following also constitute requirements for taking on the role of supervisor:
- a) a suitable research output in the last five years in the Course reference areas.
 - b) commitment to follow the doctoral student's education;
 - c) availability of sufficient funds and equipment for implementing the doctoral student's research project.
5. The teaching activity and supervision certified and performed by university teaching staff within the Courses contributes to fulfilling the institutional obligations referred to in art. 6 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010.

Art. 15
Funding

1. The doctoral scholarships may be funded with:
- a) ministerial resources;
 - b) resources of the university operating office or of the affiliated universities with which a special affiliation or consortium agreement has been entered into;
 - c) resources of the Departments or other University units;
 - d) funding acquired via agreements with public or private parties;
 - e) funding from national and international competitions.

Art. 16
Agreement-based or consortium-led Courses

1. Agreement-based or consortium-led Courses may be established, subject to accreditation granted by the Minister in charge, with:
- a) other Italian or foreign Universities, able to issue the final multiple or joint degree;
 - b) Italian or foreign, public or private research bodies that have top cultural and research-related credentials and are equipped with suitable research facilities and equipment;
 - c) institutions referred to in art. 2(1) of Law No. 508 of 21 December 1999, accredited pursuant to art. 15 of this regulation, able to issue the final multiple or joint degree;
 - d) companies, including foreign ones, that perform certified research and development activity;
 - e) public administrations, cultural institutions, and internationally significant research infrastructure for implementing specific research and development or innovation programmes.
2. The agreements and consortia are launched subject to the opinion of the School referred to in Annex 1 and the resolution of the University governing bodies.



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3. The agreements and consortia must comply with the principles of reciprocity based on agreements that provide for sharing educational and research activities, the fair division of fees, the sharing of methods for regulating financial support, exchange methods for doctoral students, and the issuing of the joint, double, or multiple doctoral degree. To launch these Courses, each affiliated institution must ensure suitable financial coverage according to the provisions of the current legislation.

4. The agreements and consortia referred to in para. 1c may request the qualification of industrial doctorate at the time of ministerial accreditation. The industrial doctoral programmes may allocate a share of the available places based on specific agreements to company employees engaged in highly specialised activities, recruited after they have passed the related admission test. They also establish the methods for carrying out the research activities at the company as well as, with reference to places reserved for company employees, the sharing of the employee's overall commitment, the duration of the educational and training course, and the management of intellectual property.

Section II – Admission

Art. 17

Admission to Courses and Selection Committees

1. Admission to the doctoral course is announced via public selection at least once a year. The public selection occurs via checking and assessing requirements by a Selection Committee.

2. The comparative assessment concerns the motivations, preparation, ability, professionalism, and aptitude for research in the disciplinary areas of the Doctoral Course.

3. The Selection Committee for admission to the Course, appointed by Rector's Decree, consists of at least three regular and three supplementary members, chosen from among teaching staff whose fields are pertinent to the Course's disciplinary areas. The Committee may be supplemented with experts, including international ones, chosen in the sector of public and private research bodies and facilities, in no greater number than that of the regular members.

4. In the case of agreement-based or consortium-led Courses, the Committee and admission methods are delegated to the corresponding agreements.

5. The call for admission to the doctoral course, drafted in Italian and in English, is published, for at least thirty days, on the University website, on the Euraxess European site, and on the Minister's site.

6. Those who possess a postgraduate degree or suitable degree granted abroad on the date of the call's deadline, whether Italian or foreign, may submit an application to participate.

7. Those who complete the degree required by the call by the date of enrolment in the doctoral course, under penalty of cancellation of admission to the course, may also apply to participate, according to certain conditions.

8. The doctoral course admission committee ascertains the suitability of the foreign degree, in compliance with the current legislation in Italy and in the country where the degree was granted, as well as with the international treaties or agreements regarding the recognition of degrees for continuing studies. The declaration of suitability is valid only for the purposes of admission to the Course.

9. Those who have already completed a Research Doctorate in Italy with or without a scholarship (including partial) cannot compete for a place with a scholarship;



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10. The call identifies, for every course:
 - a) the total number of places available, the doctoral scholarships, any other forms of financial support, and any reserved places;
 - b) the number of places potentially reserved for graduates of foreign universities and scholarship recipients involved in specific exchange programmes;
 - c) access and degree assessment criteria;
 - d) any contributions and the corresponding amounts for participating in the selection, as well as the regulations for exemptions according to the provisions of the university's fees and contributions regulations.
 - e) the methods for holding the admission tests;
 - f) the doctorate project titles available;
11. If the call reserves a share of places to foreign university graduates, or to scholarship recipients of foreign countries or to specific international exchange programmes, the university may establish differentiated methods for the admission procedure with separate admission lists.
12. In the case of national and international collaboration projects, there may be specific admission procedures and organisational methods, in relation to the characteristics of the individual doctorate projects established within the accredited doctoral courses.
13. The spaces reserved for foreign university graduates not assigned may be made available for the other selection/position procedures.
14. The assessment may involve the suitability of candidacies for specific projects. If a winner withdraws, the filling of vacancies with next-ranking candidates must consider specific suitability;
15. If a winner withdraws before the start of the course, the vacancies are automatically filled with next-ranking candidates; within 6 months from the start, it occurs at the request of the coordinator.
16. Additional details regarding admission tests are included in Annex 2.

Art. 18
Reserved places

1. There may be reserved places with or without scholarships for the following types of candidates:
 - a) public administration employees, applying the current legislation in terms of compatibility;
 - b) research fellows;
 - c) those with apprenticeship contracts for the research doctorate;
 - d) the recipients of scholarships funded by the competent Ministry for Foreign Affairs or by organisations of their country of birth, citizenship, and residence;
 - e) citizens of other countries with which an agreement with the University has been entered into for doctoral course admission or that benefit from funding disbursed as part of international training and exchange programmes. In this case, participation in the admission process is reserved since the assignment of the scholarship funding occurred by means of comparative assessment procedures.
2. the provision of reserved places must be approved by the faculty board

Section III - Doctoral student activities



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Art. 19

Rights and duties of doctoral students

1. The doctoral course requires an exclusive, full-time commitment. The doctoral student is guaranteed suitable working space and tools.
2. The faculty board can authorise the doctoral student to carry out paid activities that enable the acquisition of skills in the doctorate's field of training, subject to prior assessment of their compatibility with performing the doctoral course educational, teaching, and research activities.
3. The income deriving from paid activities cannot be greater than the ministerial amount of the Doctoral scholarship.
4. For each doctoral student, the performance of research and training activities, in line with the doctoral project, at foreign institutions with top credentials is normally provided for.
5. For the purposes of admission to the subsequent year, by the end of each Course year, the doctoral student is required to present a report on activities undertaken. Based on the opinions of the supervisors, by the 270th day of the Course year, the Faculty Board may request doctoral students to present a draft report online. During assessment, to be carried out within 30 days subsequent to the submission, the Faculty Board may suggest amendments and changes so as to increase the likelihood of the report's approval during the Faculty Board session that is planned for close to the end of the Course year.
6. Having obtained a positive assessment for continuing the educational and training course from the Faculty Board by the end of the year, the doctoral student must enrol in the subsequent year. Enrolment is understood to be formalised by means of paying the contributions to access and attend the Courses pursuant to the University's Fees and Contributions Regulations.

Art. 20

Start and duration of the Courses

1. The courses last no less than three years, without prejudice to what is stipulated by art. 24.
2. With a special resolution, the Faculty Board can identify the objective requirements based on which it can grant individual doctoral students a reduction in the length of the educational and training course, bringing forward the final thesis discussion. However, such a reduction cannot be more than six months for the three-year Courses and eight months for the four-year Courses.
3. The Faculty Board can resolve upon the following extensions for a maximum period of 12 months:
 - a) due to the impossibility of submitting the thesis, upon the request of the doctoral student, for proven grounds and without additional financial obligations;
 - b) due to justified research requirements decided upon by the Faculty Board itself, ensuring the corresponding extension of the scholarship and indicating, at the same time, that part of the University budget to cover the amount.
4. At the request of the doctoral student, the Faculty Board may resolve upon:
 - a) a period of suspension of a maximum of six months, without payment of the scholarship, for proven grounds;



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- b) a period of parental leave applying the laws protecting parenthood referred to in the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette No. 247 of 23 October 2007;
 - c) a period of suspension for teacher training courses.
5. The suspension is provided for, based on the current legislation, for:
- a) compulsory maternity;
 - b) military or civil service;
 - c) serious, documented illness that, if it exceeds 30 days, entails the suspension of the payment of the scholarship;
6. At the end of suspension periods, the scholarship is disbursed when attendance of the course is restarted up to the amount of the whole duration of the same scholarship.
7. The extension and suspension periods cannot exceed 18 months in total.
8. If a Course expects to cease or substantially change, the faculty board moves the doctoral students into a Course with a similar subject, by the next possible meeting.

Art. 21
Activities location

- 1. The main location for doctoral student activities is the supervisor's department. The doctoral student may also work at other suitable facilities identified by the Faculty Board, without prejudice to the tasks and duties of the designated supervisor.
- 2. The Director of the Department:
 - a) communicates the affiliation of the doctoral student with their unit to the University administration;
 - b) certifies the availability of spaces, equipment, and research funds necessary for carrying out the doctoral student's activities;
 - c) fulfils the legal obligations as far as regards preventing and protecting against risks and health surveillance, as well as those relating to potential workplace accidents.
- 3. Off-campus activities provided for in the Doctoral Course and approved by the Faculty Board, including those performed abroad referred to in art. 22(10), must not exceed half of the overall length of the course.

Art. 22
Scholarships

- 1. For the purposes of these Regulations, those scholarships deriving from ministerial funding are considered ordinary. In addition to the ordinary resources, the doctoral courses may use funding from public and private bodies, as well as departmental funds (additional scholarships).



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2. The minimum number of scholarships for setting up the doctoral course is established by the current legislation.
3. The resources for setting up ordinary scholarships are annually awarded by the university according to the procedures established by the institutional bodies.
4. The scholarships are awarded to doctoral students subject to a comparative, merit-based assessment and according to the order defined in the relevant admission list. If merit is equal, the assessment of the economic situation prevails, as determined pursuant to the Prime Ministerial Decree of 30 April 1997, published in Official Gazette No. 116 of 9 June 1997 and subsequent amendments.
5. Doctoral places with no scholarship may be advertised, within the limit of one place for every three with a scholarship.
6. If merit is equal in the comparative assessment, the places without a scholarship are awarded to the youngest candidate.
7. The scholarships last one year and are automatically renewed on condition that the doctoral student has completed the schedule of activities stipulated for the previous year and has obtained admission to the subsequent year.
8. If the doctoral student does not renew their enrolment or withdraws, the residual amount of the ordinary scholarship is returned to the funding Department (or Departments), which reinvest it for doctoral scholarships. If there are additional scholarships, the residual amount is again available for the backer or follows the process defined by the agreements entered into.
9. The minimum amount of the scholarship is established by the current legislation.
10. The scholarship increase is established to the degree of fifty per cent, for a total period of no more than twelve months, to perform research activities abroad as set forth in the educational plan. This period may be extended up to eighteen months for co-supervised doctorates, as part of a consortium or agreement with foreign organisations. The scholarship increase is normally disbursed every two months once the coordinator confirms the foreign residence.
11. The research doctorate scholarship is subject to the payment of separately managed INPS social security contributions pursuant to art. 2(26) of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, to the degree of two thirds incurred by the administration and one third paid by the scholarship recipient. The doctoral students benefit from the protections and related rights.
12. The scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships however granted, except for those granted by national or foreign institutions for supplementing training and research activities with foreign travel.
13. Whoever has used, even partially, a Doctorate scholarship cannot use it a second time in the same capacity. The principles referred to in this paragraph shall not apply to the recipients of scholarships directly disbursed by foreign nations or beneficiaries of financial support as part of international exchange programmes.
14. The use of the scholarship to attend the Course is not compatible with holding a specialist education contract pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 368 of 17 August 1999.
15. The scholarship is paid on a monthly basis, with reference to the activities performed and verified the previous month. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from continuing their educational and training course or are not admitted to the subsequent year will no longer receive the scholarship. The scholarship is also suspended when the conditions set forth by Art. 20 of these Regulations occur. The disbursement of the scholarship is also interrupted as a result of a communication by the Course Coordinator of any serious failure relating to attendance obligations and the performance of the planned activities.



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16. In addition to the scholarship, the doctoral student is ensured a budget of no less than ten per cent of the scholarship amount. This budget is also assigned to those who do not have a scholarship.

17. To keep apprenticeship contracts and other forms of financial support, in the years following the first year of the course, the same principles for the maintenance of scholarships referred to in para. 7 shall apply.

18. Public administration staff admitted to a doctoral course benefit, for the legal duration of the course, from the leave set forth by the current legislation. The right to the budget for research activities remains valid.

19. The principles referred to in paragraphs 16 and 18 shall not apply to foreign scholarship recipients, those who benefit from financial support as part of specific exchange programmes in relation to what is set forth by the specific regulations, to apprentice doctoral students and to beneficiaries of incoming cotutelle.

Art. 23
Incompatibility

1. Enrolment in a Course is incompatible with the contemporary enrolment in degree courses, whether three-year or postgraduate, in Italian university master's courses, in university specialisation schools, or in other Courses, as well as with enrolment in specialisation courses organised by accredited private institutes pursuant to art. 17(96) of Law 127/1997.

2. Upon enrolment in the Course, the candidate who is enrolled in one of the above-mentioned courses must rectify their position for the purposes of enrolment, within fifteen days, at the risk of its cancellation.

3. Public administration staff admitted to a doctoral course benefit, for the normal duration of the course, from the leave set forth by the collective agreement or, if employees under public law, from the extraordinary leave for study reasons. Such leave must be compatible with the requirements of the administration, pursuant to art. 2 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984, with or without pay and, unless expressly waived, only in the event of enrolment for the first time in a doctoral course, irrespective of the disciplinary field.

4. As an integral part of their training, subject to authorisation from the Faculty Board and without any increase in the scholarship, doctoral students may undertake tutoring for the student body of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, including paid activities, as well as supplementary teaching activities within the maximum limit of forty hours in each academic year.

5. Medical doctoral students may participate in clinical care activities.

6. The interventions set forth by Legislative Decree No. 68 of 29 March 2012 are extended to doctoral students with the methods regulated therein.

Art. 24
Connection between Doctoral Courses and the Medical Specialisation Schools



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1. Joint attendance of the doctoral course and a medical specialisation course is allowed for students who graduated in Medicine and Surgery and have specialist training contracts pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 368, 17 August 1999, when the following conditions apply:

- a) compatibility, including in consideration of the distance between locations, of the activities and commitment required by the specialisation school and doctoral course, attested to by the advice of the medical specialisation school and doctoral faculty board;
- b) incompatibility between the doctoral scholarship and payments, however named, received in relation to the specialisation school activities.

2. In cases of joint attendance, the doctoral student may apply for a reduction in the doctoral activities to the Faculty Board, which assesses its alignment with the research activities. If the application, referred to in this paragraph, is granted, the doctoral course will, in any case, last no less than two years.

Section IV – Methods for granting the degree

Art. 25

Presentation of the doctoral thesis and final exam

1. By the end of the last year of the course, the doctoral student must present a report on their activities completed during the last year of the Course to the Faculty Board; the positive assessment of the Faculty Board regarding these activities is a necessary condition for admission to the final exam.

2. Following a positive evaluation, the Faculty Board acquires the opinions of the supervisors and appoints at least two examiners for each doctoral thesis. The examiners may not be party to the doctoral programme and must have strong academic qualifications; at least one must have a university doctorate. They may belong to foreign or international institutions.

3. The doctoral thesis is drafted in Italian or in English, or in another language, subject to the authorisation of the faculty board and is accompanied by a summary, drafted in English, together with the report on activities completed during the doctoral course and any publications. It must be sent to the examiners by the deadline established by the Faculty Board.

4. Within thirty days of receiving the thesis, the examiners express a written analytical judgment, proposing admission to the public discussion or postponing the thesis discussion for no more than six months. Once this period has passed, the thesis, accompanied by a new written opinion given by the examiners, is, in any case, admitted for discussion.

5. The final exam consists in the public discussion, including online, of the thesis before an examination committee composed of at least 3 regular and 3 supplementary members, proposed by the Faculty Board in compliance, where possible, with gender balance and appointed by rector's decree. At least two thirds of the committee is composed of academic parties who do not belong to the course operating office and no more than one third is composed of members party to the doctoral programme. It is possible to appoint a single Committee for several candidates. At the end of the thesis discussion, the thesis is approved or rejected with a justified collective judgment. The Committee has the right to attribute honours, with a unanimous vote, if the results are of particular academic significance.

6. The report of the Examination Committee must be drafted in copies made available by the offices.



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7. The Committee is obliged to finish their work within 90 days from the date of issuing the rector's decree that appoints it. Once this period has passed, if the Committee has not completed its work, it is dissolved, and the Rector appoints a new one, excluding the members of the dissolved committee.
8. The qualification of Doctor of Research (PhD) is issued by the Rector.
9. Following the awarding of the degree, the candidate is obliged to deposit their thesis in the institutional archive with open access that ensures its preservation and public consultation.
10. Within thirty days from the discussion, the University deposits the thesis as per the procedure regulated by the current legislation.

Art. 26
Granting Honorary Research doctorates

1. Granting the title of Honorary Doctor of Research is regulated by the corresponding University Regulations, issued with Rector's Decree No. 4925 of 19/11/2019.

Section V – Internationalisation

Art. 27
Co-supervised Research Doctorates (cotutelle) and other types of agreements with foreign universities

1. The School promotes and facilitates international cooperation within the Courses. To this end, it promotes and enters into agreements with other universities and/or foreign institutions that define the concrete methods of cooperation and, in particular, the completion of co-supervised theses and the granting of joint, double, or multiple degrees.
2. Every co-supervision programme requires the existence of international framework-agreements, as well as entering into an *ad personam* agreement with the doctoral student. The existence of a framework agreement is a necessary and sufficient condition for entering into cotutelle agreements.
3. The methods of implementing a cotutelle agreement are regulated in Annex 3 of these Regulations.



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ANNEX 1

Procedure for requesting the establishment of a new Course

1. The proposal for establishing a new Course may be presented by the teaching staff of the University to the Rector, who, in the first instance, requests the technical and academic opinion of the School Council. The proposal must comply, in terms of academic and economic sustainability, with the requirements identified by the special forms provided by the Research Doctorate Section. Having acquired the opinion of the Council, the School conveys the proposal, accompanied by its resolution, to the Academic Research Committee of the Academic Senate for the following deliberative processes.
2. The proposal must be presented by 31 December of the calendar year previous to the one relating to its envisaged launch; except if using specific, dedicated funds or in the case of agreement-based or consortium-led doctorates with operating offices other than the University of Turin.
3. In compliance with the form's instructions, the proposal must include information relating to:
 - i) Academic innovation. The proposal must include innovative aspects in the academic-cultural sphere and grounds relating to the need to establish a new Course. The proposal must, therefore, illustrate the complementary nature of the new theme in relation to those of the already active Courses and the reasons whereby this theme cannot be included in one or more existing Courses. If the Council believes that this theme may be included in the disciplinary field of an existing Course, the proposal may be modified in terms of a request for establishing a curriculum.
 - ii) Sustainability of the Faculty Board. The proposal must present a Faculty Board based on the current legislation.
 - iii) Economic Sustainability. The proposal must include a plan with sufficient funds to ensure at least the completion of one three-year or four-year cycle, depending on the expected duration of the Course. The availability of all the funds must be documented via letters of intent and/or agreements.

ANNEX 2

Methods for holding the admission exam

1. The admission exam for verifying the candidate's ability for academic research may be held using one of the following methods:
 - a) degree assessment, written test, and oral interview;
 - b) degree assessment and oral interview.
2. The Committee has 100 points. Before publication of the call, the Faculty Board of each Course distributes the points among the assessments (degree assessment, any written test, and oral interview), predetermines the criteria for attributing points, and establishes any minimum points threshold for admission to subsequent tests.

ANNEX 3

Rules for setting up co-supervision of theses

1. The co-supervision agreement regulates the methods for implementing the joint Doctoral programme and is entered into for individual doctoral students, subject to the approval of the Faculty Board of the Course in compliance with the following provisions:



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- a) the doctoral student must request and obtain from the Faculty Board the approval for co-supervision by and no later than the end of the first year of the Course. If there are particular academic interests, the Faculty Board may also authorise the establishment of co-supervision beyond that deadline, but not in the third year;
- b) Every university signing the agreement designates a thesis Director with the job of following the doctoral student's research activities. The thesis Director is a professor or researcher employed by one of the (two) universities;
- c) since the doctoral student is enrolled in more than one university, the payment of fees is regulated in agreement between the Parties and, in any case, in fulfilment of what is provided by the Fees and Contributions Regulation of the student's home university;
- d) the thesis is prepared in alternating periods, which are almost equivalent, in each of the two institutions involved. The period at the partner university may vary between six and eighteen months during the three/four years of the educational and training course;
- e) the methods for drafting and discussing the thesis are defined in agreement among the partners according to the current regulations at the (two) universities signing the agreement;
- f) for the purposes of the final exam, the doctoral student must deposit the thesis in compliance with the current regulations at the (two) universities signing the agreement.
- g) the final exam is held in a single session in the location identified in the agreement, before a mixed committee;
- h) the committee for the final exam, appointed by the Rectors of the (two) universities, is composed of an equal number of subject experts and must include at least four members and corresponding supplementary members. Subject to an agreement between the parties, the thesis Directors may not take part in the final assessment. The Chair of the committee must draft an exam report, possibly in English or French and Italian (in the languages stated in the agreement), and have it signed by all the members;
- i) if not explicitly defined in the co-supervision agreement, the committee's assignment expenditure is paid by the university where the doctoral student first enrolled;
- j) at the end of the joint course, each of the Institutions undertakes to grant the title of Doctor of Research, issuing a qualification mutually recognised by the (two) universities signing the agreement.