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**Start**  
23 Sep 2026

**Online**  
100%

**Admission to the welcome area:** March 19, 2025

**Languages:** Spanish, Catalan, English

**Official qualification**

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## Presentation

The Doctorate Programme in Tourism is part of the REDINTUR cooperation framework, which is made up of 19 Universities with postgraduate studies in Tourism, which has been described in the 2012-2015 National Plan for Tourism of the Ministry of Energy, Industry and Tourism, within the Talent and Entrepreneurship section as a strength, highlighting its operation and training programmes in tourism.

It is the result of the coordination and cooperation between research teams with a track record in the scientific-social knowledge of tourism and in accredited training programmes.

Under this framework, the lines of research of the different groups of the aforementioned Universities have been unified and coordinated with the aim of collaborating and promoting training and research in Tourism in Spain.

Broadly speaking, we can indicate the objectives and commitments that have been set:

- To contribute to the training of doctors and researchers in Tourism in order to promote the sustainable growth of a key activity in our social and economic environment.
- To promote research in order to carry out efficient management of information that allows management to be adapted to the profile of the tourist consumer.
- To develop analysis and research techniques to adapt to the evolution of the information society.
- To favour cooperation between universities and the mobility of students and teaching staff.
- To collaborate in innovation and competitiveness in the field of tourism.
- To develop a complete and complex academic curriculum model that is committed to the multidisciplinary nature of tourism education at the heart of the University.
- Full adaptation of the level of university tourism studies in our country to that existing within the European Union and other neighbouring countries, culminating the process initiated with the integration into the university system in 1996.
- To achieve the standardisation of higher studies in tourism with those corresponding to other areas of training in other economic and professional sectors.
- Development of specialisation profiles in areas that allow us to take into account the needs for innovation required by business and tourist destination management.

## Competencies

The doctoral programme develops the following basic competencies (as per Spain's Royal Decrees RD 99/2011 and RD 576/2023):

C1. Systematic understanding of a field of study and mastery of the research skills and methods related to this field.

C2. Conceiving, designing or creating, putting into practice and adopting a substantial research or creation process.

C3. Contributing to expanding the frontiers of knowledge through original research.

C4. Developing a critical analysis and assessment and synthesizing new and complex ideas.

C5. Communicating with the academic and scientific community and with society in general regarding the student's areas of knowledge, employing the formats and languages habitually used in their international scientific community.

C6. Fostering scientific, technological, social, artistic or cultural progress in a knowledge-based society, in academic and professional

settings.

C7. Fostering open science and citizen science (in accordance with Article 12 of Spain's Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March) so as to contribute to the status of scientific knowledge as a common good, with assessment of the doctoral student's performance of interdisciplinary activities relating to the different aspects of open science and citizen science, and the development of skills in both disciplines through microcredentials or similar.

### Admission profiles

The recommended academic profile for students seeking admission to this PhD programme is to have graduated in studies associated with knowledge in the field of tourism from an economic, business, sociological and geographical perspective. In particular, it is aimed at graduates in Tourism, Economics, Business Administration and Management, Geography and Sociology, as well as students with qualifications in related fields. With regard to official master's degrees, the programme is aimed particularly at holders of master's degrees from universities in the REDINTUR network.

Students who do not fit the admission profile but have a master's degree in social and legal sciences or arts and humanities fields that are unrelated to tourism studies must take the specific bridging courses indicated in the programme prospectus. For students who have engineering and architecture master's degrees, the PhD programme academic committee will specify which of the bridging courses indicated in the programme prospectus they must do.

With regard to skillsets, the recommended profile for admission is that of students who have acquired the ability to understand and solve problems in the field of tourism-related businesses, bodies and destinations, as well as the ability to assess the behaviour of economic stakeholders in this sector. Also of great use in completing the programme is an understanding of data analysis and planning tools and techniques.

The languages included in the admission profile are Catalan, Spanish or English, with a minimum level of B1, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

### Career opportunities

Thanks to its interdisciplinary nature, there are a wide variety of career opportunities resulting from this PhD programme. In the tourism sector in general, a PhD in the field of tourism helps gain access to senior management positions. What's more, many companies (particularly those with R&D&I departments) with a need for highly trained analysts to improve their products and services are increasingly calling for professionals with a PhD.

Other opportunities include careers in research at both national and international research centres, as well as in the research services and departments of large corporate groups and non-governmental organizations.

In addition to academic opportunities (teaching and research), the PhD programme also opens up professional opportunities in the following areas:

- Tourism consulting.
- Destination planning and management, with the ability to define a tourist destination and establish the foundations for its management, planning and promotion on the basis of sustainability and inclusivity criteria, and making an efficient use of ICT.
- Specialists involved in the creation, development and promotion of tourism products.
- Specialists in information management, competitive intelligence and technology, able to spearhead innovation in an organization or act as community managers for commercial or marketing purposes.
- Professional tourism-related positions in public administrations.
- Tourism marketing and promotion positions.
- Technology-related and software development positions with an in-depth understanding of the realities and workings of the tourism sector.

## Official qualification

The UOC's Doctoral Programme of Tourism (interuniversity: UMA, UA, UCA, UCM, UEX, ULL, Nebrija, UOC, URJC, USC, US, UVIGO) is a programme that has been approved by the Spanish Universities Council, and its implementation has been authorized by the Government of Catalonia, in accordance with current legislation. You can check the [recent verification report](#), [the programme's quality data](#) and [the programme's agreement](#).

The UOC's doctoral programmes have full academic validity throughout Spain; where such is the intention, they are qualifications to perform regulated professions, in accordance with the regulations applicable in each case.

The certificates for these programmes are issued together with a Diploma Supplement (DS), providing details of what the student studied, their results, the professional competencies obtained and the qualification's level in the Spanish higher education system; the aim of this is to facilitate recognition of the qualification and promote students' and graduates' mobility within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

In other countries, the validity of the official university qualifications issued by the UOC will depend on each specific country's education laws.

*Title of Degree - Doctoral Programme in Tourism, RUCT Code: 5601390, ISCED Code 1 Social and Behavioural Sciences, ISCED Code 2 Travel, Tourism and Leisure.*

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#### Programme quality

The quality of this degree programme is endorsed by the Agency for Scientific and University Quality of Andalusia (ACCUA), which ensures that rigorous standards, including those demanded by the EHEA, are met.

- [Academic results and satisfaction results](#)

#### ACCUA quality seal

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# Programme of study

## Study plan. Competences and skills

The aim of this training is to acquire and develop the following skills:

- Dealing with contexts in which there is little specific information.
- Find the key questions to be answered to solve a complex problem.
- Design, create, develop and undertake novel and innovative projects in their field of knowledge.
- Work both in a team and autonomously in an international or multidisciplinary context.
- Integrate knowledge, deal with complexity and formulate judgements with limited information.
- Intellectual criticism and defence of solutions.
- Ability to conceive, design or create, implement and adopt a substantial process of research or creation.
- Ability to contribute to the expansion of the frontiers of knowledge through original research.
- Ability to carry out critical analysis and evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas.
- Ability to communicate with the academic and scientific community and with society in general about their fields of knowledge in the modes and languages used by the academic community. knowledge in the modes and languages commonly used in their international scientific community.
- Ability to promote, in academic and professional contexts, scientific, technological, social, artistic or cultural progress within a society based on the cultural progress within a knowledge-based society.

### Deposit and thesis oral defense

On completion of the doctoral thesis, the PhD student must **apply to the programme's Academic Committee for authorisation to deposit the thesis.**

The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Favourable report from the thesis supervisor and, if applicable, from the members of the thesis committee, on the authorisation of the deposit.
- The document of activities that the doctoral student has carried out.
- A summary of the doctoral thesis of a maximum of 4,000 characters, written in Catalan, Spanish and English. If the doctoral thesis is written in a language other than these in accordance with article 26, a summary in this language must also be submitted.
- A copy of the doctoral thesis, the student's curriculum vitae and the activities document, in electronic format.

Two doctors who are experts in the field of the doctoral thesis will produce independent and anonymous reports on the thesis.

Once the above reports have been requested, the thesis supervisor will be asked to propose between five and seven doctors from five different universities or institutions who may form part of the panel responsible for judging the thesis. The academic committee of the programme will proceed, in view of the documentation received, to authorise or not the doctoral thesis defense.

Once the defense has been authorised, the chair of the examining board sets the date for the reading and defence of the thesis and the

Doctoral School convenes the public defence of the thesis, which consists of the presentation and defence of the research work prepared by the PhD student to the members of the examining board.

The members of the examining board ask the PhD student any questions they consider appropriate. Likewise, persons holding a doctoral degree who are present at the public event may ask questions at the time and in the manner indicated by the chair of the panel.

After the reading and defence of the thesis, each member of the examining board gives a written assessment of the thesis and its defence and issues a written report with the overall grade awarded to the thesis according to the following scale: "not pass", "pass", "good" or "excellent".

Type of training activity	Duration	Teaching mode	Timing	Compulsory or optional	Scholar Metrics).
<b>Courses</b>	One semester	Online	During the research period	Recommendable	Other national and international databases: Scielo, Redalyc, Qualis. - Works recorded in the proceedings of international conferences, provided that the international scope is explicitly stated in the conference title.  In any event, publications in journals and conferences with no system of external peer review will not be considered.
<b>Training complements</b>	One semester	Online	First year (first or second semester)	Optional	The requirements for contributions submitted in support of a thesis are:
<b>Training workshops</b>	Two months	Online	During the research period	Highly recommendable	a) These contributions must have been submitted, published or accepted for publication after the start of the doctoral studies. b) The contributions must state the name of the university at which the student is doing the doctoral programme. This statement will be made through the affiliation of the supervisor and/or the doctoral student.
<b>Courses on research, transference and entrepreneurship</b>	One semester	Online	During the research period	Optional	c) The doctoral candidate must be listed as the first or second author of all the contributions. Exceptionally, the Academic Committee of the Joint Programme in Tourism may allow the doctoral candidate, in a contribution in support of a thesis, to appear in a position after second, subject to the justifications submitted.
<b>Workshops</b>	10 hours	On-site	During the research period	Optional	d) A contribution by two or more authors may only be used in support of one thesis.

## Approval of the thesis

### Quality criteria for the defence of doctoral theses on the Joint Doctoral Programme in Tourism

The (joint) Doctoral Programme in Tourism sets out minimum quality criteria to be met by a doctoral thesis in order for the evaluation and defence process to begin. Before a doctoral thesis can be accepted, the work of the doctoral student must be assessed based on objective quality criteria. In particular, before setting in motion the process for organizing the defence, the doctoral student must have published research or partial results from the thesis in well-established journals or submitted them at conferences of recognized importance in their field.

For this purpose, a points system has been established for publications, in which the doctoral student must obtain at least one point in order for the doctoral thesis to be accepted.

The points system is as follows:

a) 1 point for each article published in a journal included in the following citation databases:

- Journal Citation Reports (JCR): Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) and Science Citation Index (SCIE)
- Scopus, impact index in SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR)
- Arts and Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)

b) 0.5 points for each publication in the following databases and review systems:

- Spanish scientific journals with the FECYT Quality Seal
- Emerging Sources Citation Index (WOS)
- ERIH-PLUS, European Reference Index for the Humanities
- Books and chapters of research works published by publishers of recognized prestige in their research field and which appear in prominent positions in the Scholarly Publishers Indicators (SPI) ranking.

c) 0.25 points for each publication in a journal from the following databases and repertoires:

- Latindex catalogue (scientific journals from Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal), with a minimum of 28 criteria.
- H Index of Spanish Journals of Social and Legal Sciences (Google

### Quality criteria for the defence of doctoral theses as a compendium of publications in the Joint Doctoral Programme in Tourism

Before accepting a doctoral thesis for its defence, the work of the student will be assessed on the basis of quality criteria. In particular, for the defence of the doctoral thesis as a compendium, the student must include at least three publications that meet the quality criteria for the defence of doctoral theses on the doctoral programme, one of which must be in a journal indexed in JCR, one in a journal of those considered in the databases and repertoires of group A of those listed below, and a third from group B of those listed below. The groups classifying the publications that the doctoral student should have made are as follows:

#### GROUP A journals

- Journal Citation Report (SCI/SSCI)
- Scopus
- SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR)
- Arts and Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)

#### GROUP B journals

- ERIH European Reference Index for the Humanities of the European Science Foundation
- Spanish scientific journals with the FECYT Quality Seal
- Emerging Sources Citation Index

The requirements for contributions submitted in support of a thesis are:

- These contributions must have been submitted, published or accepted for publication after the start of the doctoral studies.
- The contributions must state the name of the university at which the student is doing the doctoral programme. This statement will be made through the affiliation of the supervisor and/or the doctoral student.
- The doctoral candidate must be listed as the first or second author of all the contributions. In truly exceptional cases, the Academic Committee of the Joint Programme in Tourism may allow the doctoral candidate, in a contribution in support of a thesis, to appear in a position after second, subject to the justifications submitted.

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## Training complements and activities

*All courses are subject to availability*

### Complementary subjects

Temes d'Inv. avançada turisme sostenible TIC (Català / Español)  
Complementary

Sostenibilitat i Turisme (Català / Español)  
Complementary

Mètodes d'investigació qualitativa (Català / Español)  
Complementary

Mètodes d'investigació quantitativa (Català / Español)  
Complementary

### Library Workshops

Bibliographic reference management (English)  
Mandatory

Search for academic information (English)  
Highly recom.

Where to publish: How to identify leading journals? (English)  
Highly recom.

Open access (English)  
Highly recom.

### Doctorate subjects

Research Design for Social Sciences (English)  
Highly recom.

Advanced Quantitative Met. in Knowledge Society (English)  
Highly recom.

Advanced Qualitative Met. in Knowledge Society (English)  
Highly recom.

### Research, transfer, and entrepreneurship courses

Academic Presentations (English)  
Mandatory

Academic Writing (English)  
Highly recom.

Entrepreneurship for Researchers (English)  
Mandatory

Int. to patents and intellectual property protection (English)  
Highly recommended.

Responsible Research & Innovation (RRI) (English)  
Recommended

Research and gender (English)  
Recommended

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- Ability to promote, in academic and professional contexts, scientific, technological, social, artistic or cultural progress within a society based on the cultural progress within a knowledge-based society.

The maximum duration of the programme is four years if pursued full-time and seven years if part-time, counting from the doctoral candidate's admission to the programme until presentation of the doctoral thesis. Calculation of this period does not include parental leave or extended sick leave the Academic Commission of the programme considers justified.

The following are causes for definitive withdrawal from the doctoral programme:

- The expiry of the periods of stay and, if applicable, of any extensions that may have been authorised.
- The refusal of the requested extensions, in accordance with Article 21.2.
- Failure to formalise enrolment within the deadlines and in the manner established by the Doctoral School without having requested temporary withdrawal.
- When the acceptance of the research plan has not been requested within the period established by the Doctoral School.
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- Having obtained two negative evaluations in the research plan and/or in the annual activities document, in accordance with article 36.3 of these regulations.
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- When the documents established by the programme's academic committee for the annual assessment and monitoring of the research plan have not been submitted within the established deadline.
- Those that may arise from the corresponding disciplinary sanctions, in accordance with the UOC's Regulations on Rights and Duties.

### **Control procedures**

The completion of the activities proposed in the training plan at the beginning of the doctoral programme and the submission of the research plan at the end of the first year and in subsequent years of the activities document will be the mechanisms for monitoring the progress of the research, always under the supervision of the thesis supervisor.

The assignment of the thesis supervisor is made by the programme's Academic Committee during the first three months after enrolment. The thesis supervisor is ultimately responsible for conducting all the doctoral student's research work.



**Research lines**



# Academic team

## Doctoral School Management

Ferran Adelantado Freixer

## Programme director

PhD in Economics and Business Organization from the Universitat de Barcelona (UB) and a degree in Information Sciences from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). Professor Joan Miquel Gomis's R&I and teaching activities focus on studying ways to improve the sustainability of tourism organizations, primarily through the analysis of innovation and technology. He has been the editor-in-chief of the economics, business, and society journal Oikonomics since its founding in 2014. He is also a researcher in the New Perspectives on Tourism and Leisure (NOUTUR) research group at the UOC.

Joan Miquel Gomis López

## Supervisors

Alba Colombo Vilarrasa

Ana Isabel Jimenez Zarco

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Carles Méndez Ortega

Eduard Josep Álvarez Palau

Francesc Gonzalez Reverte

Francesc Xavier Medina Luque

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Mònica Cerdán Chiscano

Pere Suau Sanchez

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# Call for applications

## General requirements

To be admitted to the doctoral programme, applicants must meet both the general requirements stipulated by the UOC and the programme's specific requirements.

First of all, students must submit proof of meeting one of the following sets of requirements:

- Hold an official Spanish bachelor's degree (or equivalent) and an official university master's degree (or equivalent), having passed at least 300 ECTS credits in the two degree courses.
- Hold an official Spanish university degree that was issued under a former university education system (a licenciatura, arquitectura or ingeniería degree) and corresponds to level 3 of the MECES (Marco español de cualificaciones para la educación superior) framework.
- Hold an official university degree that was issued in a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) country, entitles the holder to admission to doctoral studies in that country, and corresponds to level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).
- Hold an official university degree that was issued in a country outside the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), subject to verification that the qualification is equivalent to an official university master's degree and entitles the holder to admission to doctoral studies in that country.
- Hold a doctoral degree.
- Hold an official Spanish bachelor's degree that, in conformity with EU law, comprises at least 300 ECTS credits. In this case, the applicant will have to take the necessary bridging courses, unless the specific doctoral programme includes research training credits that are equivalent in value to the research credits obtained in master's degree studies.
- Hold an official university degree for which, prior to obtaining a place through the corresponding examination for access to a specialized medical training programme, candidates had to have passed with a favourable assessment at least two years of training in a programme to obtain the official certificate in one of the health science specializations.
- Hold an official university degree that corresponds to level 3 of the MECES (Marco español de cualificaciones para la educación superior) framework, in accordance with the procedure set forth in Spain's Royal Decree 967/2014, of 21 November, establishing the requirements and procedure for officially recognizing and declaring equivalence with respect to the official university degree programme and academic level and for validating foreign higher education studies, and the procedure for determining correspondence with the MECES levels of the official arquitectura, ingeniería, licenciatura, arquitectura técnica, ingeniería técnica and diplomatura degrees.

Applicants who have not passed the Introduction to Research credits in a university master's degree will need to take the bridging courses determined by each programme, as appropriate.

In the case of applicants who only have an official university bachelor's degree which, in accordance with the rules of EU law, has a duration of 300 ECTS credits, or have not taken and passed a minimum number of Introduction to Research credits in a university master's degree programme, their continuation in the doctoral programme is conditional upon them passing the bridging courses

corresponding to the Introduction to Research module, pathway or courses for the corresponding period of academic training.

According to Decree 822/2021, of September 28, students with a disability equal to 33% or more have a reservation of 5% of the places.

## Admission criteria

The general criterion for admission is established as the presentation of a proposal for a Doctoral Thesis Project, related to one of the research teams

existing in the Doctoral Program, in which the objectives, justification for adherence to a research line, methodology, expected results, and

necessary resources for its preparation, proposed tutor and thesis director, and report of the proposed thesis director are described.

Weighted access criteria:

- Academic record of the degree for access to the doctoral program 30%.
    - Academic record of the master's degree for access to the doctoral program 40%.
    - The existence of letters of presentation by university professors or other research institutions, who have direct knowledge of the applicant's ability and competence (5%)
      - o If the endorsement letter is related to the thesis proposal (5%)
      - o If the endorsement letter is not related to the thesis proposal (0.25%)
  - Research experience or other merits related to research (20%)
    - o Publications, communications at congresses, conferences, collaborations, studies, stays related to the project or proposed research linesup to 2 points.
  - Accredited knowledge of a foreign language commonly used in the scientific community to which the doctoral program belongs (5%). According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, the minimum required level will be B2.
    - o English Level C2 (0.5 points)
    - o English Level C1 (0.25 points)
    - o Another Language (0.25 points always above B2)
- This programme does not require a specific level of English, although it is necessary to have a minimum knowledge of the language in order to thoroughly understand scientific articles, interact fluently and naturally and produce scientific texts.
- In order to receive 5% of the weighted points of the admission process referring to the accreditation of knowledge of English (a foreign language commonly used in the scientific community), you must have a minimum level of B1 in this language.
- If you apply for a UOC grant, you must accredit a level equal to or higher than B2 from the time of application. For other grants, financial aid or research contracts, please consult the terms and conditions and requirements for each case** (level of English and part-time or full-time format).

## Admission documents

- Initial justification and fit with the line of research; the candidate must explain how the research idea fits with the line of research chosen.
- Focus of the research issue or question.
- Outline of the methodology.
- Expected outcomes (an approximate idea).

## Calendar

**1 December 2025:** Start of the application period for admission to the doctoral programmes.

**31 January 2026:** End of the call for applications for access and admission to doctoral programmes.

**4 March 2026:** Publication of the provisional lists of submitted applications.

**5 March to 11 March 2026:** Period for appeals of submitted applications (documentation subject to amendment).

**17 March 2026:** Publication of the final lists of submitted applications.

**11 May 2026:** Publication of the provisional resolution on the accepted online and granted candidates (Interuniversity programmes).

**12 May to 22 May 2026:** Period for appeals of the selection of online and granted candidates (Interuniversity programmes).

**29 May 2025:** Publication of the final resolution on the candidates admitted to the doctoral programmes and those who are granted (Interuniversity programmes).

**July 2026:** Start of the enrolment period 2026-27.

**September 2026:** Start of the academic year 2026-27.

# Request access

## 1 Apply for the Welcome and Information Service

Apply for the Welcome and Information Service is a free, no-obligation procedure that provides you with a user name and password that will allow you to enter the UOC's Virtual Campus, from where you will be able to:

1. Contact experts who will help you settle any doubts you may have about applying.
2. Consult the Campus Secretary's Office for information about the programme of studies, enrolment prices, documentation, etc.

### Access requirements

Before requesting access, check that you meet the requirements for the programme you want to be admitted to.

### Access form

On the access form, you must give your personal details and the educational level you have attained.

### Access Documentation

You will find a list of the documentation you need when you request access and can consult the Campus Secretary's Office.

#### Discounts

If you are eligible for any of the discounts stated in the Price Decree, you will have to submit the appropriate documentation, following the instructions given by the virtual Secretary's Office.

## 2 Access the Campus and contact the researcher

### Virtual campus

After you have requested access, you will receive a user name and password that will allow you to access the Virtual Campus, where you will find all the information and resources you may need.

### Researcher

You will find the information to contact the lead researcher in the "research lines" section. The researcher can provide support for preparing your application and will be your sponsor, if he or she agrees. Once you have been admitted to the programme, he or she will advise and guide you in choosing courses, in accordance with your prior academic background, your interests and the amount of time you have.

### Virtual Secretary's Office

There is a *Procedure* on the Campus where you can consult and manage all academic matters, such as viewing the programme of studies, payment options or the discounts available.

## 3 Apply for admission

You can complete the admission form the virtual campus **Procedures / Doctoral programme admission documentation**, where you will have to give your academic details, whether you want to apply for a grant and the research line you are interested in.

You must submit an enrolment proposal after having chosen the courses you want to follow during the semester, which your tutor will analyse so that you can complete enrolment with his or her counselling. It is a step prior to completing enrolment.

## 4 Send the digital documentation

Having completed the previous step, you must attach the documentation in the same section. You can see which documentation you must attach in the corresponding section within **Procedures / Doctoral programme admission documentation**.

When you have completed all the steps, the doctoral programme's academic committee will assess the applications that have been submitted.

If you pass the first phase of the admission process, you will receive notification confirming that you have entered the second phase and a telephone interview will be scheduled.

If you pass the second phase of the admission process, you will receive notification to confirm that you have been admitted. You will have a maximum of one month (counting from the admission notification) to confirm your acceptance of the place on the doctoral programme; if this confirmation from you is not received, you will not be admitted to the programme.

It is at this point that you will be able to complete enrolment, choosing your preferred payment option from among those available. If you are eligible for any of the [discounts](#) stated in the Price Decree, you will have to submit the appropriate documentation, following the instructions given by the virtual Secretary's Office.

Remember that once you have enrolled, you will have ten days to send the admission documentation.

The Government of Catalonia establishes the public prices for credits and other academic services charged by public universities in Catalonia and the UOC. You can consult the prices in [Decree 125/2023](#), of June 28th.

The fees will be those applicable when enrolment is completed. Subject to annual revisions.

### Price and enrolment Fees

Price per credit	32,28€/cr*
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Price per learning resources credit	15,16€/cr*
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### Biannual Fees

Fee for supervision, tutorship and continuous assessment of the doctoral thesis	200,56€
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Fee for the management of your record	54,54€
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Fee for learning support services	101,47€
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### Fees

Fee for requesting your certificate	218,15€
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Fee for oral examination and defence of the doctoral thesis	156,87€
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Fee for requesting your record	54,54€
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