

I. PROVISIONS AND AGREEMENTS OF THE COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY'S GOVERNING BODIES

I.1. GOVERNING BOARD

I.1.2. Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Scientific Policy, Research and Doctorates

Agreement of the Governing Board of 26 June 2018, approving the Regulations for the Industrial Doctorate Distinction.

This University's Governing Board, in its meeting held on 26 June 2018, approves the Regulation for the Industrial Doctorate Distinction, pursuant to the terms indicated below:

REGULATION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE DISTINCTION

PREAMBLE

Royal Decree 99/2011, of 28 January (BOE 10.2.2011), amended by RD 195/2016 of 13 May (BOE 3.6.2016), which regulates official doctoral studies, includes the new option that doctoral students may, under certain conditions, obtain an Industrial Doctorate distinction, which will be reflected on the doctoral degree of the person who obtains it. The purpose of this distinction is to strengthen the interaction between the business and academic worlds, thereby promoting the transfer of knowledge from research to its practical application.

In addition to the aforementioned Royal Decree, this Regulation complies with the provisions of Royal Legislative Decree 1/1996, of 12 April, approving the consolidated text of the Intellectual Property Law; Organic Law 15/1999, of 13 December, on Personal Data Protection; Royal Decree 1720/2007, of 21 December, approving the Implementing Regulation of Organic Law 15/1999; and Law 24/2015, of 24 July, on Patents.

ARTICLE 1. REQUIREMENTS

To obtain the Industrial Doctorate distinction, UCM doctoral students who carry out their research in collaboration with companies or public institutions must meet the following requirements, in addition to the usual requirements and procedures that must be carried out by doctoral students according to Royal Decree 99/2011, article 15 bis:

1. The doctoral student must participate in an industrial or experimental development research project that is directly related to their dissertation, which may be carried out in one of the following ways:
 - a) With a public organisation or other institution capable of hiring them (hereinafter, the Partner Entity), which may not be a university.
 - b) In collaboration between the Partner Entity and the UCM. In the latter case, an agreement must be signed between the two entities.
2. The doctoral student must have an employment or service contract with the Partner Entity. If this contract did not exist previously, it must be signed before the end of the student's first year in the doctoral programme, and it must remain in effect at least until the doctoral dissertation is submitted to the programme's academic committee.

ARTICLE 2. PROCEDURE

To request this Industrial Doctorate distinction, before the end of their second year in the programme, the doctoral student must file an application with the programme's academic committee; to this application they will attach a copy of the contract and the technical report explaining the industrial or experimental research project and its connection to their dissertation.

The report must be approved by the Supervisor at the Partner Entity; the report will also reflect the aforementioned Entity's interest in developing the project. The report must have the approval of the UCM dissertation advisor(s).

In the case referred to in article 1.1.b of this Regulation, the agreement between the Partner Entity and the UCM will also be attached. The UCM shall be responsible for processing said agreement through EDUCM.

The programme's academic committee will evaluate and select the applicants based on the criteria established in their verification report; if any applicants are selected, they will send the list of selected students to the Doctoral Committee which, after issuing a report, will pass the matter on to the EDUCM Management Committee for its final ratification. This last governing body will be responsible for approving the application.

ARTICLE 3. CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

To establish the conditions under which the doctoral student will carry out their dissertation with the Industrial Doctorate distinction, as well as to regulate the use of confidential information and the dissemination of the research results, a confidentiality agreement will be signed and attached to the doctoral student's application and to their technical report.

Characteristics of the confidentiality agreement:

1. Said agreement will specify the appointment of a Supervisor by the Partner Entity, who must be different from the University's, as their specific function will be to on-board, advise and guide the doctoral student at said Entity. When this Supervisor holds a PhD, they may be a co-advisor for the dissertation, in collaboration with a professor(s) from the UCM doctoral programme, provided they are approved by the academic committee of the doctoral programme in which the student is enrolled.
2. The agreement will include the stipulations that the Partner Entity and UCM deem appropriate regarding data protection and other sensitive elements related to the research. The doctoral student, the dissertation advisor and all those who have access to the contents of the research (including external evaluators, members of the programme's academic committee and members of the doctoral dissertation committee) must sign the confidentiality agreement(s). This should not prevent the general objective of a dissertation with an Industrial Doctorate distinction, as in any other dissertation, from being the dissemination of results in the academic sphere by taking part in scientific events and publications.
3. If the doctoral programme in which the student is enrolled requires that they publish certain results from their research in media of recognised academic quality before their dissertation can be submitted, the student must reach an agreement with the Partner Entity regarding the content of said publication, and they must request authorisation from the academic committee, so as to prevent any conflict of interest.

ARTICLE 4. PROCEDURE FOR DEFENDING A DISSERTATION WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE DISTINCTION

When the dissertation is submitted to the academic committee, the doctoral student whose application was accepted under the terms established herein must submit the documents generally required of them, as well as a report signed by their advisor(s) and the supervisor from the partner entity which indicates that the dissertation was carried out as stipulated and the results of the dissertation research have been satisfactory and met established objectives.

ARTICLE 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This regulation will enter into force the day after it is published in the BOUC (Official Gazette of Complutense University).