



SPECIAL DOCTORAL PRIZE COMPETITION 2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR

(Approved by the Management Committee of the Postgraduate and Doctoral School, 27 July 2015)

By virtue of the Academic and Registration Regulations governing Doctoral Courses, approved by the Governing Council on 16 July 2014,

THE FOLLOWING IS AGREED

To promote the Special Doctoral Prize competition for the 2014-15 academic year, in accordance with the following

CONDITIONS

1. Each academic year, the URV awards special doctoral prizes to doctoral theses of the highest quality.
2. To be eligible for the Special Doctoral Prize, candidates must have obtained their doctoral degrees at the URV during the 2014-15 academic year and must:
 - a) Have been awarded the distinction *cum laude* for their theses;
 - b) Have completed their doctoral programmes within a maximum of 4 years if they studied full-time, or a maximum of 6 years if they studied part-time. This excludes the periods of temporary withdrawal from a doctoral programme specified in article 3 of Royal Decree 99/2011.
 - c) Have made, by the time they apply for the prize, a significant scientific contribution which is based on the content of the thesis and which explicitly states their affiliation with the URV (articles in journals, books or book chapters, patents, artistic works and any other contributions that are relevant to their field of study).
3. To be able to propose candidates for special doctoral prizes, each academic committee must have approved an internal procedure that specifies the additional evaluation criteria it will use and any documentation that it will require from the candidates. This information can be found in the specifications for each doctoral programme through the following link: http://www.urv.cat/estudis/doctorat/doctorand/en_tramit_administratiu_premis.html
4. Individuals who want to enter the prize competition must direct their applications and documentation to the secretary's office of department of the corresponding academic committee¹, in accordance with the conditions of this competition. The official application form and the competition conditions will be published on the website of the Postgraduate and Doctoral School (EPD):

¹ The academic committees will be responsible for conducting the administrative procedures of doctoral programmes governed by previous regulations, in accordance with the agreement of the CDE dated 30 October 2014 (see annex 1 of these conditions).

http://www.urv.cat/estudis/doctorat/doctorand/en_tramit_administratiu_premis.html

The application form, duly completed and signed, must be accompanied by the documentation that the academic committee requires candidates to present. The list of this documentation can be consulted on the website http://www.urv.cat/estudis/doctorat/doctorand/en_tramit_administratiu_premis.html for each one of the doctoral programmes.

The period for presenting applications is from 1 to 30 November 2015.

The application form and the documentation must be presented to the **General Registry of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili** (c/ de l'Escorxador, s/n, post code 43003, Tarragona) **or at any of the auxiliary registries of the URV**. The locations and opening hours of the URV's General Registry and auxiliary registries can be found at <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/registre.html>

The application form and the documentation may also be presented via the URV's Online Registry provided the student has the necessary valid certificates. For more information on these certificates, go directly to the URV's Online Office at <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/certificats.html> . To access the URV's Online Registry, go to <https://registre.urv.cat:8090/eresTramitsURV/avisosLegalsPrevis.jsf>

The documentation can also be presented in accordance with the channel established by article 38 of Law 30/1992, of 26 November, regarding the regulations governing the public administrations and common administrative procedure.

If the documentation is not presented within the specified period it will not be taken into account when the application is evaluated.

5. The academic committee is constituted and presided over by the doctoral programme coordinator and is responsible for validating the documentation and ensuring transparency in the process of evaluating doctoral degree holders who have applied for the Special Doctoral Prize. The academic committee must evaluate the documentation in accordance with its own criteria and provide the Management Committee (CDE) of the Postgraduate and Doctoral School with a list of potentially successful candidates in order of preference. This list should contain the information:

1. List in order of preference
2. Surnames and name of the doctoral degree holder proposed
3. Identity card number of the doctoral degree holder proposed
4. Name of the doctoral programme studied and the royal decree that regulates it
5. Number of years taken to complete the doctoral programme and whether the student was full or part time.
6. Temporary withdrawals
7. Date of thesis defence
8. Requirements evaluated by the academic committee and the score given for each of these
9. Other aspects that the academic committee considers to be relevant

The academic committees have until the deadline of 31 January 2016 to present their proposals to the CDE. In addition to the candidate lists, the academic committees must send the documentation presented by the chosen candidates. The academic committees may propose **one candidate for a special prize per every ten theses defended (or fraction thereof) during the 2014-15 academic year** (see Annex 1)

The candidate list and the documentation must be processed by the department with which the doctoral programme coordinator is affiliated.

6. The CDE, presided over by its president or delegated person, will decide which candidates it thinks should be awarded a special prize from among the candidates proposed by the different academic committees. The CDE will then pass its proposals onto the Governing Council. The CDE may propose that some or all of the proposals are rejected and the prizes are not awarded if it does not consider them to be of sufficient merit.

The CDE will approve the list of successful candidates and pass it onto the Governing Council.

7. The Governing Council will award the Special Doctoral Prizes on the basis of the CDE's list of successful candidates. An administrative appeal can be filed against this resolution (which terminates the administrative proceedings) to the Administrative Court in Tarragona, within two months, counting from the day after the publication of the successful list of candidates, as can an optional appeal to the body that has issued the list within one month of the day after receiving notification. This does not affect an individual's right to file any other appeal.

8. The certificates for the Special Doctoral Prizes will be awarded in an official ceremony.

9. All data submitted by the candidates will be stored in a file belonging to the URV so that it can manage and award the prizes in accordance with the conditions of this competition. Candidates may exercise their right to access, rectify, remove or oppose the handling of their data by writing to C/ Escorxador, s/n (43003), Tarragona, using one of the templates available on the website:

http://www.urv.cat/gestio_academica/tramits_administratius/llei_protec_dades.html

10. By participating in this competition candidates fully accept these conditions. Any doubt regarding the interpretation of these conditions or any incident that may arise during the competition must be resolved by the CDE, whose decision may not be appealed.

All matters that are not explicitly covered by these conditions will be governed by Law 26/2010, of 3 August, regarding the legal regime and procedure of the public administrations of Catalonia and Law 30/1992, of 26 November, regarding the legal regime of the public administrations and common administrative procedure.

Notwithstanding the responsibilities that may fall to the beneficiary, any misrepresentation of the facts or falsification of documentation during the application process will lead to the prize being revoked.

11. The candidates have a period of two months to recover the documentation they have presented, starting one month after the awards have been made public.

**Annex 1. List of academic committees and the doctoral degree administrative procedures by which they are governed according to previous regulations
(Agreement of the CDE, 30 October 2014).**

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES RD 99/2011	DOCTORATES RD 1393/2007 (termination)	OFFICIAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES RD 56/2005 (terminating)	DOCTORATES RD 778/1998 (terminating)	DOCTORATES RD 185/1985 (terminating)
Anthropology and communication (7701)	1. Doctoral programme in Anthropology (7601) 2. Doctoral programme in Communication (7631) 3. Doctoral programme in Social Intervention: Youth and Gender (7618) 4. Doctoral programme in Migration and Social Mediation (7619)	Official postgraduate programme in anthropology (7502)	1. Students transfer from department anthropology, philosophy and social work (7902) 2. Students transfer from the predepartmental unit of audiovisual communication (7925) 3. Medical anthropology (7176-7206) 4. Urban anthropology (7166-7201) 5. Communications (7218)	1. Medical anthropology (7140) 2. Urban anthropology (7098)
Biomedicine (7702)	Doctoral programme in Biomedicine (7603)		1. Students transfer Department of basic medical science (7910) 2. Students transfer Department of medicine and surgery (7911) 3. Research methods in applied clinical sciences (7152-7167) 4. Vascular pathology and metabolic disorders (7221) 5. Research in experimental sciences applied to biomedicine (7192) 6. Research methods in the health sciences (7195)	1. Research methods in applied clinical sciences (7066-7082) 2. Methodology of biomedical research (7092-7104-7136)
Classical archaeology (URV) (7715)	1. Doctoral programme in Archaeology (7602) 2. Doctoral programme in Architecture, Urbanism and Construction (7633)	Official postgraduate programme in archaeology (7505)	1. Students transfer department of history, history of art and geography (7901) 2. Spirituality and religiousness in antiquity and the middle ages (7196) 3. Classical archaeology (7208)	Ideology and power and the ancient and medieval world (7135)
Cognitive science and language (UB) (7721)	Doctoral programme in Cognitive Science and Language (7625)		1. Cognitive science and language (7178) 2. Cognition and language: processes and differences (7155)	
Computer engineering and mathematics of security (7709)	Doctoral programme in Computer Engineering (7616)	Official postgraduate programme in computer engineering (7511)		
Economics and business (7706)	Doctoral programme Economics and Business (7610)		1. Economics and business (7160-7169-7180) 2. Industrial Organisation: companies and markets (7212)	Economics and business (7118-7146-7180)
Educational technology (UIB) (7718)	Doctoral programme in Educational Technology: e-Learning and Knowledge Management (7611)	Official postgraduate programme in education (7501)	1. Quality and research in education (7177) 2. Communication, art and education (7219) 3. Physical education and sport: didactics and professional development (7220) 4. Innovation and educational research (7157) 5. Educational technology (7194)	1. Curricular innovation (7074) 2. Research and curricular development (7132)
Erasmus Mundus Quaternary period and prehistory (URV) (7704)	1. Doctoral programme in Quaternary Period and Prehistory (7607) 2. Doctoral programme in Climate change (7632)	Official postgraduate programme in Quaternary period and prehistory (7503)	Quaternary period and prehistory (7215)	
Fluid mechanics (UJ) (7720)				
Health, psychology and psychiatry (URV) (7712)	1. Doctoral programme in Mental health: Genetics and Environment (7628) 2. Doctoral programme in Psychology of Education (7627) 3. Doctoral programme in Assessment and Measurement of Behaviour (7626)	Official postgraduate programme in Psychology (7519)	1. Genetic and environmental psychiatry (7222) 2. Psychology of education: culture, education and semiotic systems (7203) 3. Neurotoxicology and psychopharmacology (7211)	1. Psychiatry and mental health (7127) 2. Psychology prevention in development (7075) 3. Mental health (7051)
Humanistic studies (7708)	1. Doctoral programme in Language, Literature and Culture (7620) 2. Doctoral programme in Translation and Intercultural Studies (7622) 3. Doctoral programme in Historical Societies, Territory and Heritage (7629)	Official postgraduate programme in Language, literature and culture (7523)	1. Students transfer department of Romance studies (7903) 2. Change and diversity in English studies (7197) 3. English and German studies (7172) 4. Interdisciplinary language studies (Catalan studies and related) 5. Issues in language and literature: identity and standardization (7189) 6. Variation and linguistic change (7165) 7. The European project (7156) 8. Formal languages and applications (7185) 9. Translation and intercultural studies (7202) 10. Mediterranean cultural studies (7182)	1. Lexical and literary context (7105) 2. The European project (7144) 3. Narrative languages (7103-7122) 4. Literary theory and literary criticism (7083) 5. Lexical theory and lexicographical technique (7123) 6. Land settlement: historical interpretations (7099)
Law (7705)	1. Doctoral programme in Law (7608) 2. Doctoral programme in Criminal Law System (7609)		1. Students transfer department of public law (7922) 2. Company and contracting law (7209)	The transformations in subjective laws (7125)
Nanosciences, materials and chemical engineering (7710)	1. Doctoral programme in Chemical, Environmental and Processes Engineering (7617) 2. Doctoral programme in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (7623)	Official postgraduate programme in Chemical, environmental and processes engineering (7514)	Graduate studies in chemical and process engineering (7186)	
Neuroscience (UPV) (7717)	Doctoral programme in Neuroscience (7604)			
Nursing and Health (UB) (7722)	Doctoral programme in Nursing Sciences (7606)	Official postgraduate programme in Nursing sciences (7512)		
Nutrigenomics and personalised nutrition (UIB) (7719)				
Nutrition and metabolism (7711)	Doctoral programme in Nutrition and Metabolism (7624)	Official postgraduate programme in nutrition and metabolism (7507)	Nutrition and metabolism (7162-7168-7188)	
Oenology and biotechnology (7707)	Doctoral programme in Oenology and Biotechnology (7612)	Official postgraduate programme in Oenology and biotechnology (7513)		
Science and chemical technology (7703)	Doctoral programme in Science and Chemical Technology (7605)			
Technologies for nanosystems, bioengineering and energy (7713)	Doctoral programme in Electronic, Automatic and Communications Engineering (7613)	Official postgraduate programme in Electronic automatic and communications engineering (7510)		
Thermodynamic engineering of fluids (UVA) (7716)	1. Doctoral programme in Research in Thermodynamic Engineering of Fluids (7614) 2. Doctoral programme in HVAC Technologies and Energy Efficiency in Buildings (7615)		HVAC technologies and energy efficiency in buildings (7199)	
Tourism and leisure (7714)	Doctoral programme in Tourism and Leisure (7630)	Official postgraduate programme in tourism and leisure (7516)		



ANNEX 2

APPLICATION FOR THE SPECIAL DOCTORAL PRIZE
ACADEMIC YEAR _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Name:		First surname:	Second surname:
Identity card number:		Address for written correspondence:	
Postcode:	Town:	Country:	Tel:
Email:			

I STATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That I have completed the doctoral programme entitled _____.• that on _____ I defended my doctoral thesis at the Department of _____.• That my thesis was awarded the distinction <i>cum laude</i>.• That my thesis was awarded/not awarded a European/international distinction (underline as appropriate)

I REQUEST
<p>That you accept my application for the Special Doctoral Prize for the _____ academic year. I enclose the required documentation (listed below) so that the academic committee of the doctoral programme can evaluate my application.</p> <p>List of documentation presented (the documents must be listed in the order that they are presented): [NOTE: If the list is too long to fit in this space, please add another page].</p>

_____ (place) _____ (date)

(Signature of the interested party)

DOCUMENTATION:

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UNIT: DEPARTAMENT OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME