



SPECIAL DOCTORAL PRIZE COMPETITION 2024-25

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By virtue of the Academic and Registration Regulations governing Doctoral Courses, 2024-25 academic year, approved by the Governing Council on 20 July 2025.

THE FOLLOWING IS AGREED

To promote the Special Doctoral Prize competition for the 2024-25 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 2024-25 academic year and must:
 - a) Have been awarded the *cum laude* distinction for their theses;
 - b) 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). Researchers attached to other research structures (institutes, observatories, etc.) must clearly identify their affiliation with the URV. Affiliation with the URV must follow the guidelines for the institutional signature and affiliation approved by the Scientific Policy and Transfer Commission.
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.doctor.urv.cat/doctorands/premis-extraordinaris/en_index/
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 committee, in accordance with the conditions of this competition. The official application form (see annex 1) and the competition conditions will be published on the website of the Doctoral School (ED):

http://www.doctor.urv.cat/doctorands/premis-extraordinaris/en_index/



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.doctor.urv.cat/doctorands/premis-extraordinaris/en_index/ for each one of the doctoral programmes.

The application period is from 3 to 28 November 2025.

The application form and the documentation must be addressed to the coordinator of the doctoral program.

Applications can be presented online via the electronic registry of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili. To access it, go to <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/registre.html>, click on "Accés al registre electrònic" make a generic request.

Others options for presenting applications are at:

- The General Registry or the auxiliary registries of the URV. Their locations and office hours can be found on <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/registre.html>.
- Any office of the Spanish Postal Service, in the manner established by the regulations. If the documentation is sent by certified post, the documentation must be presented at the corresponding office of the Spanish Postal Service in accordance with article 31 of Royal Decree 1829/1999, of 3 December, in an open envelope so that the application, letter or communication addressed to the URV can be dated and stamped before it is certified. If the application is not dated and stamped by the corresponding office of the Spanish Postal Service, the date on which the application arrives at the registry of the URV will be regarded as the date on which it has been submitted.
- The diplomatic representations or the consular offices of the Spanish state abroad.
- Other channels specified in article 16 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, regarding Public Administrations and the Common Administrative Procedure (BOE no. 236, of 02/10/2015).

If the documentation is submitted using a method that is not online or in person registration at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, the applicant must inform the Doctoral School by sending an email to escoladoctorat@urv.cat within the application submission period and attaching the application and any necessary accrediting documentation.

If the documentation is not presented within the specified period, or in the corresponding period of improvement and amendment of the application in accordance with the channel established by article 68 of the aforementioned Law 39/2015, 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. In the event that a tie-break between two or more candidates is necessary, the academic committee will establish additional criteria.



Finally, the academic committee provide the Management Committee (CDE) of the Doctoral School with a list of potentially successful candidates in order of preference. To prepare this proposal, Model 2 must be used: Prioritised report from the academic committee of the doctoral programme for the Extraordinary Awards.

The deadline for academic committees to submit their proposals to the Steering Committee of the Doctoral School (CDE) is 16 January 2026. Along with the prioritised proposal (Model 2), the registered application and the documentation submitted by the proposed candidates must also be provided. The academic committees may propose **one candidate for a special prize per every ten theses defended (or fraction thereof) during the 2024-25 academic year.**

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. In compliance with the current legislation on personal data protection applicable to the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), published in the subsection "Applicable legislation" of the section "Personal data protection" of the electronic registry (<https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/rgpd/>), we inform you that personal data is processed by the URV, with Tax Identification Number Q9350003A and based at Carrer de l'Escorxador, s/n, 45003, Tarragona, for the purpose of organizing the prizes and awards given by the University, sending the information and registering the participants.

Data subjects have the rights of access, rectification, erasure, portability, limitation and opposition to processing and can exercise these rights by writing to the General Registry of the URV at the address of its registered headquarters or submitting the request to the University's General Registry in person or online in accordance with the procedure described at <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/registre.html>.



Data subjects can obtain additional information about the processing of their personal data known as Prizes and Competitions and their rights at the URV's Record of Processing Activities published at <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/rgpd> where they can also consult the URV's Privacy Policy. Furthermore, you can ask our data protection officers any question regarding the protection of personal data by sending an email to dpd@urv.cat.

10. By participating in this competition candidates full 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 39/2015, of 1 October, 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

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 an International/Industrial 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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PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Unit: Secretariat of the department that provides support to the coordinator of the doctoral programme (Dpt. of _____)

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