



Biomedicine - Extraordinary Doctoral Awards

Evaluation Criteria and Weighting

Only scientific outputs generated during the doctoral period will be evaluated, with particular emphasis on those directly related to the defended doctoral thesis.

The merits to be assessed, and their specific weight in the evaluation, are as follows:

- Number of indexed publications derived from the thesis, taking into account the candidate's authorship position and the journal's quartile/decil ranking: **50%**.
- Award of the doctoral degree with a European or International Mention. If the candidate has completed relevant research stays without obtaining the mention, these may also be considered: **20%**.
- Research contracts, fellowships, scholarships (FI, FI-SDUR, FPU, FPI, PFIS, or equivalent), grants, or competitive awards obtained by the candidate during the predoctoral period: **10%**.
- Conference and workshop presentations as first author delivered by the candidate. Consideration will be given to whether the presentation was oral or poster-based, and whether the event was regional, national, or international. Activities involving scientific dissemination to the general public will also be considered: **10%**.
- Patents or patent applications for which the candidate is a co-inventor/co-author: **5%**.
- Other indexed publications produced during the doctoral period that are not directly derived from the thesis, weighted according to authorship position and the journal's quartile/decil ranking: **5%**.

To obtain additional information for candidate selection, the Academic Committee may request a **15-minute interview** with selected candidates. Invited candidates will be notified in advance so that they can prepare a brief presentation of their scientific achievements. If conducted, the interview will carry an **additional weight of 5%** in the final evaluation.

Required Supporting Documentation (In addition to the general application form)

- Currículum vitae.
- A copy of the first page of each publication derived from the thesis. If a publication has been accepted but not yet published, candidates must provide the journal editor's acceptance letter together with the submitted manuscript (all combined into a single document).
- Proof of the European or International Mention awarded to the thesis. If the mention was not obtained but relevant research stays were completed (minimum 1 month), proof of these stays must be provided.



- Fellowship award letters or documentation supporting competitive prizes or grants obtained (all combined into a single document).
- Documentation supporting conference and workshop presentations made by the candidate as first author (all combined into a single document).
- Justificant de les patents o sol·licituds de patents en que el candidat en sigui co-autor Proof of patents or patent applications for which the candidate is a co-inventor/co-author.
- A copy of the first page of each publication produced during the doctoral period that is not directly derived from the thesis (all combined into a single document).
- To facilitate the evaluation process, candidates will also be required to complete an **Excel or Forms-based questionnaire** summarizing their most relevant achievements. **Access to this questionnaire will be provided by the Academic Committee after the applications have been submitted and formally accepted for review.**

NOTE: These criteria apply to Extraordinary Doctoral Awards from the 2026-2027 academic year onwards.