

# Rules to prioritize the candidates to the Doctorate Extraordinary Award of the Doctorate Program in Chemical Science and Technology

#### 1. Introduction

The Doctorate Extraordinary Award is a specific mention of the Doctorate in Spain to recognize the excellence of the work made during the PhD thesis period. Only doctors awarded Excellent Cum Laude can apply to it. The general criteria follow the URV Doctorate regulation, *Normativa Acadèmica i de Matrícula de Doctorat* (NAM). According to this regulation, the Academic Commission of the Doctorate in Chemical Science and Technology has established specific criteria to prioritize the candidates to this annual award. The final decision is taken by the Direction Committee of the Postgraduate and Doctorate School of the URV.

# 2. Specific criteria of the Doctorate Program in Chemical Science and Technology

The prioritization of the applications is based on tangible results such as publications in indexed journals or oral presentations in international scientific meetings, on stays in international research groups, on the European/International Mention and on other relevant merits. A short CV (see the annex model) must be added to the application form. The different criteria are weighted as follows:

# 2.1. Publications in indexed journals, 50%.

According to the URV rules (NAM), only applications with at least one publication will be accepted.

- 50% considers the number and quality of the contributions will be considered, from ISI rankings:
  - 1st author of papers in 1st decile journals: 50 points;
  - 1st author of papers in 1st quartile journals: 30 points;
  - 1st author of papers in 2nd quartile journals: 10 points;

60% of the precedent scores will be assigned to 2nd authors and 25% to 3rd and subsequent authors.

The maximum of this item will be assigned to the candidate who obtains the highest score in the application of the scale, normalizing the score of the rest of the candidates.

- 2.2. Oral presentations by the applicant in international scientific meetings: 10%.
- 2.3. Stays in (inter)national research groups (minimum 3 months): 8%.
- **2.4. Project: up to 10%**, depending on the grading.
- 2.5. Grants or fellowships of competitive calls: 5%.

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## 2.6. International Mention: 10%.

#### 2.7. Other merits: 7%.

Publications in non-ISI journals and book chapters are examples of this category.

#### 3. Documents

The application must be registered at the Sescelades Campus Secretary Office (N3 building, ground floor). The documents consist in the application form duly signed, the CV according to the joint model and the required documental proofs.

# 4. Prioritization of Applications

To avoid conflicts of interest, the evaluation and prioritization of all applications will be carried out each academic year by a technical subcommittee delegated by the Academic Committee. Members who have a direct connection with any of the candidates will not be part of this subcommittee.

The Academic Committee will send the prioritized list of candidates to the Doctoral School (ED), in accordance with the NAM.

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#### Annex. Short CV content

## 1) Personal and academic data

Personal data, contact e-mail Academic data: university previous degrees Thesis data: title, supervisor(s), qualification International Mention (yes/no)

# 2) Publications in ISI journals

For each one:

- Complete list of authors (in publication order)
- Title
- Complete journal reference (abbreviated journal title, year, volume, initial and final pages). For accepted papers not yet published, give the DOI, please.
- Impact factor, ISI Subject Category, position in the subject category. For recent publications, consider the last year known.

**NO** copy of the papers is required.

# 3) Oral presentations by the applicant in international scientific meetings

For each one:

- Complete list of authors (in order).
- Title.
- Complete congress information: name, place (country), dates.
- Organizing committee accreditation.

#### 4) Stays in international research groups (minimum 3 months)

University or research institution, place (country), initial and final dates.

The accreditation is ONLY needed for stays not leading to the International Mention.

#### 5) Grants or fellowships from competitive calls

Type of grant, granting institution, initial and final dates.

#### 6) Other merits

Simple copy of research documents not available from usual data bases or link giving access to it.

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