

**Rectoral Decree No. 52 of 4.2.2026****on changes to Luiss University's Research  
Doctorate Regulations approved with Rectoral  
Decree No. 347 of 9 October 2024****THE RECTOR**

- Having regard to Law No. 168 of 9 May 1989 whereby the Ministry for Universities and Technological and Scientific Research was established.
- Having regard to Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 on “**Rules governing the organisation of universities, academic personnel and recruitment as well as delegation of authority to the government to legislate to incentivise quality and efficiency in the university system**”.
- Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021 whereby the Ministry of Universities and Research issued the “Regulations on accreditation of PhD programs and locations and the criteria for establishing PhD programs by accredited bodies”.
- Having regard to the Independent Statutes of Luiss University.
- Having regard to the General University Regulations of Luiss University.
- Having regard to the University Academic Regulations of Luiss University.
- Having regard to the resolution passed by the Academic Senate of Luiss University at its sitting of 22 February 2022.
- Having regard to the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of Luiss University at its meeting of 9 March 2022.
- Having regard to the resolution of the Academic Senate of Luiss Guido Carli of 19 July 2022 concerning ‘Specific applications of the PhD Regulations’.
- Having regard to the resolution passed by the Academic Senate of Luiss University at its sitting of 28 May 2024.
- Having regard to the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of Luiss University at its meeting of 11 June 2024.
- Having regard to Rectoral Decree no. 347 of 9 October 2024 issuing the amendment to the Luiss Guido Carli Regulations for PhD Programmes approved by Rectoral Decree no. 27 of 15 March 2022;
- Having regard to the resolution passed by the Academic Senate of Luiss University at its meeting of 3 December 2025.
- Having regard to the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of Luiss University at its meeting of 12 December 2025.

**DECREES**

The amendment to the Regulations for PhD Programmes of Luiss Guido Carli, with reference to Articles 5, 6, 10, 15 and 16 of Rectoral Decree no. 347 of 9 October 2024, according to the reformulated text set out below, which forms an integral and substantial part of this Decree.

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## Regulations for the Research Doctorates

(Approved by the Executive Committee of Luiss University at its meeting of 12 December 2025, acting upon the proposal adopted by the Academic Senate at its sitting of 3 December 2025)

### Article 1 General Rules

1. These provisions – issued in implementation of the applicable legislation – govern the establishment and activation of PhD programmes at Luiss Guido Carli. The PhD constitutes the third level of higher education, represents the highest degree of specialisation offered by the University, and provides the skills necessary to carry out highly qualified research activities at universities, public bodies, or private entities, including for the purposes of both access to careers in public administration and integration into highly innovative professional pathways.
2. Doctoral training, in accordance with the principles and guidelines established at the European level, enables students to:
  - a. independently conceptualize, design, pursue, and adapt innovative research programs or programs;
  - b. conduct critical analyzes, evaluations, and syntheses of new and complex ideas and processes in research institutions, the production system, public administration, and in the field of private practice;
  - c. through the acquisition of new scientific and transversal skills, contribute to the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals identified by the General Assembly of the United Nations set out by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to its variations in European policies;
  - d. contribute towards strengthening transnational and international relations in the field of research through joint doctorates and forms of co-protection, and ensures coherence with the research project developed by the PhD student, through study abroad periods for a suitable duration as regards to the doctoral project;
  - e. acquire transversal skills to facilitate their transfer as well as their scientific and professional development.

Doctoral training follows a quality assurance system, that is different to that of the first and second cycle of university training, that aims to improve the quality of the research environment and define transparent and responsible procedures for the admission, supervision, awarding of the degree, and the professional development of doctoral students.

### Article 2 Subjects who may apply for the accreditation of PhD courses

1. In accordance with the Standards and Guidelines shared at the European level, Luiss proposes the activation of courses of Research Doctorates to develop a specific, broad, original, qualified, and continuous activity both in teaching and research that is recognized at international level in the Doctorates' sectors of interest. Research doctorate programs is subject to accreditation by the Ministry granted upon a favorable opinion from ANVUR.
2. Luiss can request the accreditation of doctoral courses and associated locations also through the signing of Conventions or the establishment of Consortia which can be the administrative headquarters of Luiss courses may set up a Consortium with one or more of the following subjects:
  - a. other Italian or foreign universities with the option of awarding multiple or joint qualifications:



- b. Italian or foreign public and private research bodies that fulfil the requirements of high cultural and academic standards and equipped with suitable personnel, facilities and equipment;
- c. institutions in association with – pursuant to article 2 paragraph 1, of Law No. 508 of 21 December 1999, in accordance with art. 15 del MD 226 of December 2021, the option of awarding multiple or joint qualifications;
- d. enterprises, including those abroad, that undertake a qualified research and development activity;
- e. public administration, cultural institutions, and research facilities at the European or international level for the realization of specific innovative research and development programs.

### **Article 3 Requirements for the accreditation of PhD programs and locations**

1. The requirements for the accreditation of the PhD courses and locations are the following:

a. The composition of the Academic Board:

- a.1) considering gender balance, where possible, the Academic Board consists of a minimum number of twelve members belonging to scientific fields that are related to the course objectives. The Board is constituted, for at least half of the members, by tenured university professors of first or second level. Other members are permanent researchers of Universities or public research bodies, or in the case of Doctorates in associated form with public research bodies, also by belonging researchers to the roles of research managers, researchers or early-career researchers of the same entities. Regardless, researchers belonging to the Academic Board must hold a scientific qualification that meets the abovementioned requirements established by current legislation to hold the role as second-tier professor. While professors must be in possession of a scientific qualification certified on the basis of the requirements to acquire the membership role;
- a.2) Academic Board members of foreign Universities or research institutes must hold a scientific qualification that meets the abovementioned requirements established by current legislation to hold the role as second- tier Professor;
- a.3) The Academic Board Coordinator must be in possession of a scientific qualification certified on the basis of the requirements to hold the role as first-tier Professor;
- a.4) without prejudice to the provisions of points a.1, a.2 and a.3, experts, even if not belonging to Universities or public research bodies, may be part of the Academic Board, forming a maximum of one third of the overall Board composition. Experts must be in possession of a proven scientific or professional qualification in research fields that is related to the objectives of the PhD course.

b. Number of doctoral scholarships: The University must provide:

- b.1) for each Doctorate cycle of to be activated, an average number of at least four scholarships for activated PhD program, excluding from the calculation the scholarships assigned to activated PhDs in agreement or in consortium, it being understood that for the single PhD course such availability cannot be less than three;
- b.2) in the case of Doctorates activated in associated form by two subjects, through the stipulation of Conventions or the establishment of Consortia, each of the subjects



finances at least two scholarships. In the case of more than two subjects, the subject who is the administrative seat of the course finances at least two scholarships and other subjects finance at least one;

- c. adequate and stable funding for the sustainability of the PhD program, with specific reference to the availability of scholarships and support for the activities of PhD students;
- d. specific and qualified operational and scientific structures for carrying out the study and research activities of doctoral students, adequate to the number of scholarships provided, including, in relation to the specific characteristics of the course, welfare structures, laboratories scientific, adequate librarianship, databases and resources for electronic computing;
- e. advanced research and training activities, including seminars, or carried out in laboratories or research bodies of a European level and interest;
- f. activities, also in common more PhD courses, of interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary training, and linguistic and IT specialization, as well as activities in the field of teaching, research management, and European and international knowledge of research systems, the exploitation and dissemination of results, intellectual property and open access to research data, and products and the fundamental principles of ethics and integrity;
- g. a quality assurance system for planning and training management doctoral program in accordance with the Standards for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), according to ANVUR regulations.

2. The requirements referred to in article 3 paragraph 1, also apply to Doctorates activated pursuant to article 2 paragraph 2. In such cases, subjects must guarantee the PhD students, on an ongoing basis, the effective sharing higher education and research structures and activities, and offer shared training activities, including a rotation between locations.

#### **Article 4 Accreditation of courses and locations**

- 1. The accreditation system is divided into the initial authorization to activate PhD courses and in the accreditation of the offices where these take place, as well as in the periodic verification of the permanence of the requirements required for these purposes, in the manner set out in this regulation.
- 2. The application for accreditation must be submitted to the Ministry for approval by subjects outlined in article 2, paragraph 1 and 2, must be accompanied by the documentation evidencing fulfilment of the requirements of article 3, and must state the number of total places for which accreditation in relation to each doctoral program is sought for. The application for accreditation may refer also to single curricula of an already accredited PhD courses.
- 3. The Ministry sends the application for accreditation to ANVUR within twenty days of its receipt. ANVUR evaluates applications within sixty days from the date of receipt, including the ten-day deadline within which the requesting party can communicate any observations or clarifications, at the request of ANVUR. ANVUR may turn to external experts, even for individual accreditation requests, of pursuant to the article 12, paragraph 4, letter d), of the regulation referred to in the decree of the President of the Republic 1 February 2010, n.76, and can arrange for site visits. In such cases, the deadline for the evaluation of the accreditation application may be extended for a maximum of thirty days. The application for accreditation undergoes by decree of the Minister, issued upon the favorable opinion of ANVUR. The accreditation decree is sent to the person requesting the accreditation itself and to the relative assessment body.
- 4. The accreditation of locations and courses has a duration of five years. Without prejudice to monitoring, the evaluation periods referred to in paragraph 5, and the possession of the requirements outlined in article 4 for each member of the college, accreditation is assessed, for the purpose of confirming or revoking it, in the following cases:



- change in the name of the courses;
- change in the composition of the teaching staff, by more than twenty-five percent compared to the previous edition;
- change of the Course Coordinator;

5. The periodic evaluation activities serve to verify the accreditation requirements of the PhD courses referred to in article 3. These activities are carried out by ANVUR, based on the results of the yearly evaluations carried out by the internal evaluation bodies of the accredited subjects. ANVUR may also arrange on-site visits carried out by external experts to ascertain the adequacy of the structural equipment of courses. Periodic evaluations can be carried out as part of the periodic accreditation of the office referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, of the legislative decree n. 19, considering the specificity of doctoral training with respect to the first and second university cycle.
6. The ascertainment of the lack of one or more of the requisites required entails, after cross-examination with interested parties in the same terms referred to in paragraph 3, the revocation of the accreditation, ordered by decree of the Minister, with the assent of ANVUR, also considering the provisions of article 4, paragraph 2, of the regulation referred to in the decree of the President of the Republic 1 February 2010, n. 76. The subject the recipient of the revocation ends, with immediate effect, the activation of new cycles of doctoral courses, without prejudice to the completion of the courses already activated.
7. Upon the proposal of ANVUR and in compliance with the criteria set out in this regulation, as well as in consideration of the evaluation results referred to in article 12, of the data contained in the Registry of which article 11 and those collected in the accreditation procedures referred to in article 4 and taking into account in particular of the general guidelines of the university system and of the Standards for the insurance of quality in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), the Ministry periodically updates the indicators for the accreditation and evaluation of PhD courses and related guidelines.
8. Accredited PhD courses are included in the appropriate public database managed by the Ministry. As a national registry of research doctorates, it contains useful information for promotion purposes courses at national and international level, accreditation, monitoring and evaluation of themselves, as well as information on the career opportunities and careers of PhDs.

## Article 5 Establishment, duration, and functioning of PhD courses

1. In order to coordinate the establishment and functioning of PhD programmes, Luiss may establish a PhD School. The ownership and accreditation of the programmes and PhD sites remain with the University. The School may be established, upon proposal of the Academic Senate, by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 7, letter i) of the University Statute. The Vice-Rector for Research assumes the role of Director of the School. The PhD School is governed by its own regulations aimed at defining coordination activities, common teaching activities and related processes. After obtaining the positive opinion of the Quality Assurance Committee, the Departments or the School propose the establishment of PhD programmes, referring the decision on their activation to the Academic Senate and the Executive Committee. PhD programmes have a duration of no less than three years.
2. The names of the programmes and any curricula, as well as the composition of the PhD Board, must correspond to the core research themes of the PhD programme, referring to broad and clearly defined fields.
3. The bodies of the PhD programme are the PhD Board and the Coordinator. The members of the PhD Board, the supervisors and co-supervisors of PhD candidates, the PhD tutor and the PhD candidates' representative are active and integral parts of the PhD programme.
4. The PhD Board is responsible for the design and implementation of the PhD programme. Each member of the Board may participate in only one Board at national level. Participation in an



additional Board is permitted only if it refers to a PhD programme organised in an associated form pursuant to Article 2(2), including industrial PhDs under Article 10 and national-interest PhDs under Article 11. The PhD Board is appointed by the Department to which the PhD programme belongs and performs its functions for all PhD cycles active in the academic year. The Board takes effect from the date of notification of the accreditation decree by the Ministry. The PhD Board meets at least once every two months to deliberate on the functioning of the PhD programmes, with particular reference to requests submitted by PhD candidates concerning the operational conduct of their research activities. These meetings may also be held remotely or by email. If meetings are conducted by email, opinions not expressed within the specified deadline are considered as approvals.

5. PhD Coordinators are appointed by the respective Department Councils. The Department Council appoints the Coordinator from among faculty members affiliated with the University who meet the requirements established by current legislation for the role. Verification of these requirements is the responsibility of the PhD Office. The Coordinator is appointed by Rectoral Decree for a term of four academic years and may be re-elected for multiple terms, including non-consecutive ones. Coordination of the PhD Board is entrusted to a full professor on a full-time basis, or, in case of justified unavailability, to an associate professor on a full-time basis who meets the requirements set out in Article 4(1)(a)(3). The role of Coordinator may be held in only one Board at national level. Each PhD candidate is assigned one supervisor and one or more co-supervisors, at least one of whom must come from academia, chosen by the Board also from individuals external to it, provided that at least one meets the requirements for Board membership. The assignment of the supervisor and co-supervisor(s) is decided by the PhD Board in a dedicated meeting within the first year of the PhD programme. Teaching, scientific or corporate tutoring, and thesis supervision activities carried out by university professors and researchers within PhD programmes, once certified, contribute to the fulfilment of institutional duties under Article 6 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010.
6. The participation of professors and researchers from universities and public research institutions in the PhD Board of a programme activated by an institution other than their home institution is subject to authorisation ("nulla osta") from their home institution.
7. The PhD tutor is selected through a public selection procedure.

## Article 6 Procedures for accessing the PhD courses and for obtaining the degree

1. Admission to the PhD programme is through a public selection held at least once a year. Applications may be submitted by Italian or foreign citizens who, by the application deadline, hold a master's degree or an equivalent foreign qualification. Applications may also be submitted by those who will obtain the required degree by the PhD enrolment date, as specified in the call, under penalty of forfeiture of admission. The eligibility of foreign qualifications is verified by the PhD admission committee, in accordance with Italian law, the laws of the country where the degree was issued, and any applicable treaties or international agreements on the recognition of degrees for further studies.
2. The call, drafted in Italian and English, is issued by the Rector via decree. It is published for at least thirty days on the accredited institution's website, the European Euraxess portal, and the Ministry's website. The call specifies admission criteria and assessment of qualifications, any written tests (including internationally recognized tests), and the procedures for interviews, which may include the presentation and discussion of a research project. Interviews may also be conducted remotely. The examining committee for admission and candidate evaluation is appointed by Rectoral Decree, after consulting the PhD Board, and is composed of at least three members, either professors—including foreign professors—or recognized experts in the field. In all cases, the number of professors must exceed the number of external experts. After the selection procedures, a ranking of



candidates is published, also electronically. If the PhD programme includes curricula, admission and evaluation procedures, as well as the final ranking, remain unified, without division into curricula. Courses start by October of each year, unless otherwise established in agreements or conventions for specific programmes. If a portion of positions is reserved for graduates of foreign universities or for international scholarship holders, separate procedures and rankings may apply. Unassigned reserved positions may be reallocated for other selection procedures under paragraph 1.

3. The call announcement must indicate the number of PhD scholarships and any other forms of financial support.
4. The calls for application may include:
  - a) the admission of suitable candidates in case of the renouncement of winners or if additional resources become available, within the terms established by the university regulations;
  - b) the reserve of a portion of grants and other forms of financial support in favor of subjects who obtained the qualification required for admission to the PhD program at foreign universities.
5. For national, European, or international collaboration projects, specific admission procedures and organizational arrangements may be established according to the characteristics of the PhD project within accredited PhD programmes.
6. For documented reasons preventing submission of the PhD thesis within the standard programme duration, the PhD Board may grant an extension of up to twelve months at the candidate's request, without additional financial charges.
7. An extension of the PhD duration for up to twelve months may also be decided by the PhD Board for justified scientific reasons, in which case the scholarship may be correspondingly extended using University funds. In this circumstance, the decision must be taken unanimously by all Board members, and silence is not considered consent. Following such a decision, the PhD Coordinator must submit a formal request to the Academic Senate and Executive Committee for approval.
8. PhD candidates may request, for documented legal reasons, suspension of the programme for a maximum of six months. During suspension, scholarships or other equivalent funding are not provided.
9. Extensions and suspensions under DM 226/2021, Article 8, paragraphs 6, 7, and 8, cannot collectively exceed eighteen months, except in specific cases provided by law. Candidates wishing to anticipate the thesis submission may do so only if:
  - They have successfully completed at least three years of the PhD program, having always received positive evaluations in the presentations of their research carried out at each annual progression.
  - They have received a positive opinion from their supervisor(s) regarding the thesis to be submitted in advance.
  - They have received a positive opinion from the Board of Professors.
  - They have received a positive opinion from the Vice-Rector for Research and from the Rector.

Even in the case of early submission, the thesis will undergo the standard review procedure, and the candidate must comply with all regulations and requirements for awarding the PhD degree. The provisions of DM 226/2021, Article 8, paragraphs 6–9, apply from the 2022/2023 academic year onward (i.e., starting with the 38th cycle).



10. The PhD degree, abbreviated as “Dott. Ric.” or “Ph.D.”, is awarded following the successful evaluation of a research thesis contributing to the advancement of knowledge or methodology in the chosen field. The thesis may be written in Italian or English, or another language with authorization from the PhD Board, and must include an abstract in English. Procedures for preparing the final thesis are established by the PhD Board and communicated to candidates by the Coordinator and/or supervisors.
11. The thesis, together with a report on the activities carried out during the PhD and any publications, is evaluated by at least two reviewers not affiliated with the awarding institution and possessing high-level expertise, at least one of whom must be a university professor. Reviewers may be from foreign or international institutions. Reviewers are appointed by the PhD Board on the proposal of the candidate's supervisor(s). Within thirty days of receiving the thesis, reviewers provide a written analytical report, recommending either admission to the public defence or a postponement of up to six months. After this period, the thesis is in any case admitted for discussion, accompanied by a new written report by the reviewers, forming part of the final minutes, reflecting any corrections or additions made by the candidate.
12. The public defence is held before a Committee, composed of at least two-thirds external to the administrative office of the programme and no more than one-third from the participating entities under Article 3(2), including adjunct professors under active contract at the time of Committee formation and until the candidate's graduation. Supervisors cannot be Committee members. External reviewers may be included, but at least two-thirds of the Committee must be from academia. The Committee is appointed by Rectoral Decree, after consulting the PhD Board, respecting gender balance where possible. Members may participate remotely. At the conclusion of the defence, the Committee issues a written, motivated evaluation of the thesis, and may award honours (“lode”) if unanimously recognized as scientifically outstanding. An administrative fee of €200 is required for the PhD, covering diploma issuance and two certificates.
13. Training activities undertaken by candidates at one or more institutions are certified in a document attached to the final diploma (Diploma Supplement). The Diploma Supplement is issued for PhD programmes activated from the 38th cycle (2022/2023 academic year) onward.

## Article 7 Scholarships

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 6, paragraph 3, PhD positions can be announced without scholarship, within the limit of one place out of three with scholarship.
2. Scholarships, which may be funded by several sources, have a total duration of at least three years and are renewed annually upon successful completion of planned activities and program for each year. If the scholarship is not renewed, or if the student renounces it, the unused scholarship amount is reinvested for the funding of research doctorates.
3. The minimum amount of the scholarship is established by decree of the Ministry. The increase in the scholarship is established at fifty per cent, for a total period not exceeding twelve months, for carrying out research activities abroad authorized by the Academic Board. This period can be extended by an overall maximum of eighteen months for doctorates in co-supervision with subjects' foreign countries or activated pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2. This increase cannot be used for stays of duration less than a continuous month and may possibly be subject to further constraints, indicated in call for applications for specific projects. The PhD student's research periods abroad must be approved in advance by the Academic Board, who assesses the relevance of the project and its added value, also based on the invitation letter from the host University (or the research body). It is the responsibility of the PhD student to submit the invitation letter to the Academic



Board for approval. The request of increase of the scholarship may be submitted to the Academic Board following the PhD student's period abroad. PhD students can periodically send letters of confirmation to the Office conducting the visiting period, on the basis of which the increase will be paid. In any case, at the end of the research period, PhD students must submit a final letter confirming the completion of the period abroad.

4. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 12, paragraph 2, in order to carry out a research activity in Italy and abroad, in addition to the scholarship, the student is guaranteed a budget, adequate for the type of PhD course and in any case not less than ten percent of the amount of the scholarship itself, financed with the resources available in the accounts of the accredited subjects.
5. For the maintenance of apprenticeship contracts and other forms of financial support, in the years of course subsequent to the first, the same principles set for the maintenance of the scholarships of referred to in paragraph 2 apply.
6. Without prejudice to the checks relating to the completion of the program of yearly activities foreseen by the course Doctorate, the provisions referred to in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 do not apply to doctoral students from foreign countries scholarships or financial support within specific mobility programs.

## Article 8 Industrial Doctorate/PhD

1. At the time of initial accreditation or subsequently, the subjects referred to in article 2 may request the recognition of the qualification of "Industrial Doctorate", also as part of the denomination, for PhD courses activated on the basis of agreements or consortia that also include subjects of which article 2, paragraph 2, letter d), who carry out research and development activities.
2. The agreements referred to in paragraph 1 regulate:
  - a) the methods for coordinating the research activities between parties;
  - b) the methods of carrying out the research activities at the company, as well as, in relation to the possible one posts covered by employees of enterprises, the breakdown of the total commitment of the employee, the duration of the PhD course and any financial contribution that the company will recognize to the University for the functioning of the PhD Course;
  - c) incentive mechanisms to promote the technology transfer and development of results research activity by affiliated companies.
3. The research themes characterizing the Industrial Doctorate course recognize the importance of promoting economic development and enhancing the production system, by facilitating joint planning in relation to the research topics and activities designed for PhD students.
4. In line with the guidelines defined at European level, development strategies of the national system, and in compliance with the principles referred to in article 1, the calls for application for Industrial Doctorate courses can:
  - a) indicate specific requirements for carrying out research activities, such as interdisciplinarity, membership in international networks and cross-sectoriality, with particular reference to the business sector;
  - b) allocate a portion of the available places to employees of the companies or entities with agreements engaged in highly qualified activities, admitted to the PhD program upon successfully passing the selection process.
5. In any case, the possibility referred to in article 45 of Legislative Decree 15 June 2015, n.81, remains valid to activate apprenticeship contracts aimed at the formation of the Industrial Doctorate, guaranteeing in any case the prevalence of research activity. These apprenticeship contracts are considered equivalent to PhD scholarships for the purpose of calculating the minimum number



necessary for the activation of the course.

For the doctorates referred to in this article, it is possible to set a different submission deadline for applications, start date of courses, academic offer, and organizational methods of academic activities of PhD students for the successful development of the PhD program.

## Article 9 Doctorates/PhDs of national interest

1. The Ministry favors the activation of PhD programs of national interest and provides for the methods of co-financing.
2. A PhD course, defined as being of national interest, must meet the following requirements:
  - a. contributes to the progress of research also through the achievement of priority area objectives of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, including those linked to the enhancement of innovative PhD courses for Public Administration and cultural heritage, or the National Research Program or related National Plans;
  - b. in the accreditation phase, provides for the stipulation of agreements or the establishment of consortia between several universities, as well as with highly qualified and internationally recognized research institutions, which offer the effective sharing of training and research activities, modalities for regulating the forms of financial support, modalities of exchange and mobility of professors and PhD students and any forms of co-protection;
  - c. already in the accreditation phase, provides for the coordination and joint planning of research activities between at least one University and at least four subjects referred to in article 2, paragraph 2, to create highly qualified academic courses and allow access to infrastructures research suitable for realization of research projects of PhD students;
  - d. provides, for each PhD cycle, at least thirty scholarships, each of a specific amount pursuant to article 7, paragraph 3. In any case, the quota for the support of research activities and training of PhD students is increased, out of the ministerial co-financing, equal to twenty percent of the grant amount.
3. The subjects referred to in paragraph 2, letter c), assign scholarships for PhDs of national interest with the procedures referred to in Article 6. The Commission's evaluation of candidates must ensure the participation of foreign or external members of the convention subjects.

## Article 10 Rights and duties of PhD students

1. The enrollment in the PhD program requires an exclusive and full-time commitment, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 4 and of article 8 paragraph 2, letter b). The Academic Board may authorize the PhD student to carry out paid activities that allow them to acquire skills relating to the field of study, following the evaluation of the compatibility of the same activities with the successful performance of the training, teaching, and research activities of the PhD course. The maximum annual limit that can be perceived by the PhD student, compatible with the scholarship, cannot exceed the minimum ministerial amount of the scholarship.
2. For each PhD student, coherent research and training activities are ordinarily foreseen with the doctoral project, at highly qualified institutions abroad.
3. As part of their project, PhD students may carry out tutoring activities – also retributed – for students of bachelor's and master's degree courses as well as supplementary teaching activity, if it is within the limit of forty hours for each year academic. The abovementioned must be approved by the Academic Board. For the activities referred to in this paragraph, PhD students are paid the grants referred to in article 1, paragraph 1, letter b), of the decree-law of 9 May 2003, n.105, converted, with modifications, by law 11 July 2003, n.170.



PhD candidates are required to submit, on a semi-annual basis, a report on the study and research activities carried out during the doctoral program, including an account of any research funds used. The supervisors must review and countersign the report for approval before it is formally submitted to the Board of Professors for final approval.

Periodically, PhD candidates are required to complete evaluation questionnaires regarding the activities carried out, the teaching staff, and the courses.

4. The research doctorate scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions, that is managed separately pursuant to article 2, paragraph 26, of law no. 335, to the extent of two thirds at the expense of the administration and a third party at the expense of the fellow. PhD students benefit from the protections and related rights. The candidate must indicate in their application to the PhD program whether they intend to compete for one or more of forms of financial support provided in the call announcement.
5. Public employees admitted to a PhD course benefit from the leave provided for by collective bargaining or, if employed under public law, from extraordinary leave for study purposes, compatibly with the needs of the administration, pursuant to article 2 of the law 13 August 1984, n. 476, with or without grants and unless explicitly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a PhD course, regardless of the subject area. The right to the budget for the research activity carried out in Italy and abroad referred to in article 7, paragraph 4 remains unaffected.
6. The interventions for the right to study referred to in the decree are extended to PhD students, regulated therein legislative 29 March 2012, n. 68.
7. Without prejudice to the application of the rules for the protection of parenthood referred to in the decree of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security 12 July 2007, published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale of 23 October 2007, n. 247, PhD students on leave retain the right to the scholarship. At the end of the suspension period, the scholarship is disbursed upon resuming attendance up to the total duration of the scholarship itself.
8. Representatives of the PhD students can participate in the meetings of the Academic Board of the PhD in question, to discuss academic and organizational issues.

## **Article 11 Accounting for doctoral students' efforts in funded research projects**

1. Subject to approval by the Academic Board, doctoral students may develop part of their research activities by participating in funded research projects that are consistent and in synergy with their own research topic.
2. Should doctoral students be afforded the opportunity to enhance their doctoral research by participating in funded research projects related to the discipline areas and topic of their own doctoral research project, taking into account the Executive Committee's resolution of 31 January 2024 providing for the introduction of a daily cost for calculating personnel costs, the efforts of doctoral students working on a funded research project may be accounted for by Luiss as the cost of the personnel involved in the development of the project itself, through a quantification of the students' productive time subject to a ceiling of 30% of the total time of the entire PhD program (1,548 hours for 3-year PhD programs and 2,064 hours for 4-year PhD programs).

## **Article 12 Evaluation and funding of PhD courses**

1. The University can finance PhD courses, subject to their accreditation, through:
  - a) own funds;
  - b) funds from the Ministry from the credit lines provided for by current legislation;



- c) funding provided for within the association forms referred to in article 2, paragraph 2;
- d) funds of other ministries or other public or private entities;
- e) competitive calls at national, European, and international level.

2. The funding referred to in paragraph 1, letter b), is distributed yearly by decree of the Ministry, following the criteria below:

- a) productivity and quality of the research activity carried out by Academic Board and by PhD students and research doctorates;
- b) degree of internationalization of the PhD, measured on the basis of the proportion of PhD students or professors from abroad and on the basis of the valorization periods of attendance abroad;
- c) attractiveness of the PhD program measured on the basis of the number of PhD students admitted to the course who have not obtained the Master's Degree in the same location or in sites associated with it or agreements pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2;
- d) provision of services, infrastructural resources, and financial resources, available to the PhD program and students, also following merger or federation processes between universities;
- e) employment opportunities for research doctorates;
- f) valorization of research results, carried out by the Faculty members, PhD students, and research doctorates who have obtained the title, adequately documented with methods that allow ANVUR to assess its impact;
- g) number of scholarships funded by external entities;
- h) level of satisfaction of PhD students of the course. Information is retrieved from anonymous survey questionnaires.

3. As part of the yearly assignments for training activities following graduation of the Second-Level Master's Degree, the Ministry can allocate a portion of the available funds to one or more of the following purposes:

- a) co-financing of doctoral scholarships, assigned to PhDs of national interest referred to in article 9;
- b) incentives for PhD courses referred to in article 3, paragraph 2.

### Article 13 Registry of PhDs and database of PhD theses

1. For the purposes referred to in article 1-bis, paragraph 1, of the decree-law of 9 May 2003, n.105, converted, with modifications, from the law 11 July 2003, n. 170, the Ministry is responsible for updating the registry of PhD students and PhDs, which contains, in addition to the data identified by the decree of Ministry of Education, University, and Research of 30 April 2004, adopted pursuant to paragraph 2 of the same article 1-bis, the specific information on the scientific publications produced during the PhD course, including PhD theses and, after the first five years from graduation of the title, the data relating to employment opportunities. With a further decree adopted pursuant to the same article 1-bis, paragraph 2, following consultation with the Guarantor for the protection of personal data, the specific identification is carried out of such data, which must be transmitted to the aforementioned Registry by the Universities, and to the identification of the technical and organizational measures in compliance with current legislation.
2. Within thirty days of the discussion and approval of the thesis, the University uploads a soft copy on the Registry referred to in paragraph 1, in a specific open access section. Before the



authorization of Faculty, parts of the thesis may be made unavailable in relation to its use of data protected in accordance with current legislation. The obligation of thesis submission at the central national libraries of Rome and Florence applies.

## **Article 14 Monitoring of implementation**

With the support of ANVUR, the Ministry monitors the implementation of this regulation, in particular reference to the expansion of the offer of PhD courses and the impact of doctoral training also for the purposes access to careers in public administrations, as well as the integration of professional paths of high innovativeness.

## **Article 15 Contributions for access and attendance**

The Executive Board of Luiss Guido Carli decides, upon proposal of the Academic Senate or the School of PhD, and for each PhD cycle, any contributions payable by PhD students for access and attendance. EU and non-EU students, coming from Italian and foreign, public or legally recognized universities can be admitted to one or more courses activated within the Luiss research doctorates, upon payment of the tuition fee. Non-EU students residing abroad, for the purposes of enrolling in single courses, are required to comply with the ministerial regulations. Registration for single courses is completed with the submission of application and payment of the required fees.

Students who are regularly enrolled in a PhD program or an equivalent program at their home University or University Institute are eligible to attend individual courses.

The fee amount to be paid in the case of enrollment in one or more single courses is established on an annual basis by the Board of Directors of Luiss Guido Carli.

## **Article 16 Co-supervised doctorates**

The University can sign special and specific agreements aimed at the creation of research doctorates joint with universities of foreign countries that provide for the co-protection of theses. The co-protection agreement provides that the PhD student carries out their research work under the guidance of two supervisors, one for each University involved, committed to collaborating in a spirit of common responsibility. During the doctoral program under co-tutelle arrangements, for the purpose of awarding the PhD degree, the PhD candidate is required to spend an equivalent period of study and research at each of the partner universities involved in the awarding of the PhD degree and to undertake to comply with the regulations in force at each of the universities involved in the awarding of the PhD degree. The periods of residence and/or mobility at the campuses of the universities involved in the awarding of the PhD degree shall be defined by a specific agreement and, in any case, may not be less than six months, which may also be non-consecutive. The study path of the PhD student and the procedures relating to the achievement of the degree and the composition of the relative commission will be defined in the specific agreement, in compliance with the legislation in force in the countries of activation of the doctorates.

### **Article 17 Visiting PhD students incoming**

The University allows PhD students, enrolled at other universities, both Italian and foreign, to undertake a visiting period at its campuses.

Each prospective visiting PhD candidate must independently identify a potential supervisor among the faculty affiliated with Luiss and request their availability to act in this role.

Upon receiving such a request, the faculty member must submit it to the PhD Office for evaluation of the formal requirements that the candidate must meet in order to carry out the research period at the University.

Once the PhD Office has verified that these requirements are met, it submits the request to the relevant Department Council, determined on the basis of the received application.