

# The Institute of Doctoral Studies

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# General information on starting a PhD

Access conditions: preconditions - Master's degree; conditions - written application, portfolio and interview (Minimum passing grade 7, Up to 10)

Duration: 3 years full-time (subsidized) + 2 years (non-subsidized)

Compulsory program, in accordance with the doctoral curriculum:

180 credits for 6 semesters (semester 1 - courses and training; semesters 2-5: 3 written reports, at least 2 conference participations, at least 1-2 published articles; semester 6 - pre-defense of thesis)

Flexibility of curriculum among various fields:

12 doctoral schools and 22 fields (Mathematics, IT, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Economics, Law, Social Sciences, Political Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Music and Performative Arts, Sports)

# How a programme is run: Guidance

Thesis supervisor: 1 supervisor, possibly a co-supervisor, with habilitation in that specific field or a related field; the main supervisor is a member of the doctoral school of UVT

Thesis commission:

3 members of an advisory board for the duration of the doctoral program, with regular meetings (holders of PhD in that specific field or a related field)

3 members of an examining board for the public defense (at least 2 of them from a different university than the institution organizing doctoral education)

# How a programme is run: Funding

Average level of scholarships:

310 Euro /month (years 1 and 2), 360 Euro/month (year 3) + accommodation expenses covered + 500 to 700 Euro/month of international mobility (up to 12 months)

Extra expenses covered: specific expenses up to 1000 Euro per year of doctoral program.

Private funding (companies, foundations)

No private contracts, but funding from scholarships funded from national human resources development projects (one such scholarship per doctoral student, the equivalent of the 310/360 Euro scholarship)



# How a programme is run: Conditions for the defence

Conditions vary from one field to another:

Pre-conditions for research PhD:

- Exact sciences: WoS publications
- Social sciences: SCOPUS publications
- Humanities: publications in Open Access
- Pre-conditions for professional PhD (vocational): practical work
- The thesis (in Romanian or an international language), thesis abstract (in English and Romanian), submitted 30 days before public defense
- Thesis made available through national library cataloguing system and either published in book format or made available on the online platform of the Romanian Ministry of Education.