



## APPLICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION'S DOCTORAL THESIS QUALITY MECHANISMS

*Agreement of the Official Postgraduate Programme Committee of 1 July 2008, amended by the Doctoral Academic Committee on 4 December 2012, amended by the Doctoral Academic Committee on 12 July 2013, amended by the Doctoral Academic Committee on 8 April 2014 and amended by the Doctoral Academic Committee on 3 July 2018, amended by the Doctoral Academic Committee on 6 february 2024 and amended by the Doctoral Academic Committee on 16 april 2024.*

In article 42.3. **Production and authorization of the defence of the doctoral thesis**, UPF's regulations on doctoral studies and specific regulations on master's degrees associated with a doctoral programme state that:

Each body responsible for the postgraduate programme shall propose mechanisms for ensuring the quality of theses during their production process (public presentation in seminars, prior publication in renowned journals, external reports, etc.). Each such mechanism must be approved by the committee responsible for postgraduate studies. The documentation generated by the application of the said mechanisms must be submitted along with the other documents required for the authorization of a doctoral thesis.

In that light, on 4 December 2012 the Department of Communication's Doctoral Academic Committee established the following quality mechanisms, the application of which must be accredited:

- 1. Prior to the deposit of the thesis: report from two doctors external to the University in accordance with the provisions of RD 576/2023 and the Academic Regulations of the Department of Communication.**
- 2. At the time of the evaluation of the deposit by the CAD: presentation of the partial results of the thesis, at least, in one of these modalities:**

a) Publication, as an article, in an academic and research journal.

All data of the published article must be presented (a letter of acceptance of the article for a future publication is also admitted) with an indication of the characteristics of the journal that demonstrate its scientific quality. For example, the publishing institution, whether there are external evaluators, the valuation according to any of the usual evaluative databases of scientific journals (CARHUS, ESF, ISI, ISOC, LATINDEX, etc.).

In the case of a thesis by compendium, the article must not be part of the compendium.

*b)* Presentation, as a communication, paper, or panel, in a national or international scientific congress relevant to the specific field of study.

The original or a certified copy of the certification of the presentation made at the congress must be presented, stating, at a minimum: the title of the congress, the organizers, the location and the dates of celebration, and the name of the author of the communication, paper, or panel.