

Extraordinary Doctorate Award

Department of Communication

Agreement of the Official Postgraduate Programme Committee of March 25, 2010, approved by the Postgraduate and Doctoral Committee on April 22, 2010, amended by the Academic Doctoral Committee on June 13, 2017, and approved by agreement of the Doctoral School Committee on January 23, 2020.

The Regulations for Doctoral Studies at UPF determine that the academic units of doctoral programmes may request the University to grant an extraordinary doctorate award.

This document describes the procedure governing the selection of the theses for which the Department of Communication requests the extraordinary award.

1. Call for applications

The Academic Committee of the doctoral programme will call for the Extraordinary Doctorate Award among the group of ten theses that correspond in accordance with the Regulations for Doctoral Studies at UPF.

The call will be launched eighteen months after the defense and approval of the tenth thesis, so that, during this period, there is time to verify the impact of the works in their field of study and which academic and scientific publications they give rise to up to eighteen months following the thesis defense or since their enrollment in the doctoral programme.

The Academic Committee of the doctoral programme will open a one-month period to submit candidates from among the ten theses eligible for the award. The call is open only to the authors of the theses in this group who have obtained an *excellent cum laude* distinction.

The Academic Committee of the doctoral programme will notify eligible candidates of their status and remind them of the documentation they must submit:

- a)** Application form to enter the selection for the extraordinary award.
- b)** A brief report on the main contributions of the thesis and the impact it has had on its field.
- c)** Curriculum vitae.

2. Selection of the Candidate

The Academic Committee of the doctoral programme will appoint an *ad hoc* committee for each call of the Extraordinary Doctorate Award. This committee will consist of three doctors from the field of communication, who are not from the Department of Communication at UPF, with accredited research experience, preferably according to the requirements established for thesis supervisors in Article 2.2 of the Academic Regulations for the deposit and authorization of thesis defense of the Department of Communication, regardless of the university, center, or institution where they provide services.

These doctors cannot be supervisors of the theses involved, nor can they be subject to the grounds for abstention provided for within the public service sector. The selection of the jury members should tend towards a representation of various disciplinary areas of the Department and gender balance. For this purpose, a chair, a committee member (*vocal*), and a secretary will be appointed.

Participation in this committee will be remunerated. The Academic Committee of the doctoral programme will set the remuneration in accordance with the Department's budget availability.

3. Resolution and Awarding of the Prize

To conduct the evaluation, the Committee will have access to the doctoral thesis and the brief report on the main contributions of the thesis and the impact it has had on its field.

The Committee for the Granting of Extraordinary Doctorate Awards will propose the winner. The decision will be made by vote within a maximum period of three months from the closing of the application submission period. The minutes of the resolution must be accompanied by a reasoned report.

The criteria to be taken into account in this report are: excellence, contributions to the field of study, social impact, and recognition of the academic and scientific impact of the submitted theses.

Once the committee's proposal is received, it will be forwarded, through the Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme, to the Steering Committee of the Doctoral School.