

**REGULATIONS OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL AT UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID,  
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**Grounds**

The new regulations for Ph.D. studies established in RD 99/2011 advises the promotion and management of Ph.D. programs through a Doctoral School at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid considers the creation of the School in line with the University's strategy to place all its studies at the highest level of demand and excellence. Given that the Doctoral School must have its own regulations in accordance with the provisions of RD 99/2011, both the regulations of the School and that of the Ph.D. studies are conveniently gathered in a single document. The contents of regulations for Ph.D. studies already approved on July 5, 2012 have been included in these new regulations of the Doctoral School.

**REGULATIONS OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID**

**TITLE I: The Doctoral School**

**Article 1. Doctoral School and Programs**

1. The Doctoral School is a comprehensive center created by Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in accordance with the provisions of article 26 of its Statutes to achieve the highest performance with regard to research and training of future doctors in a coordinated manner with the general research training strategy of the University.

2. All Ph.D. studies of the University are managed and developed at the School in Ph.D. programs in either one or several fields of knowledge or in an interdisciplinary manner. A Ph.D. program is an organized set of activities conducive to the acquisition of the skills and abilities necessary to earn a Doctor degree.

**Article 2. Legal framework**

The Doctoral School, Ph.D. studies and the earning of a Doctor degree at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid are to be regulated under the following provisions:

- The Organic Law 6/2001, December 21, of Universities, and its norms of development.
- R.D. 1393/2007, October 29, which establishes the organization of official university teachings.
- R.D. 99/2011, January 28, which regulates official Ph.D. teachings in the terms and manner provided by the R.D. itself.
- The Statutes of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.
- All other established norms which are valid or applicable in relation to these studies.

**Article 3. Competencies of the Doctoral School**

1. The Doctoral School, hereinafter referred to as the School, has the following competencies:

a. Proposal and development of the School's strategy in line with the research strategy of the university.

- b. Elaboration, execution and coordination of an annual plan for the development of doctoral teachings and activities, including the organization of research skills training activities for all programs and other objectives assigned in this and other applicable regulations.
- c. Search for synergies and collaborations among the different Ph.D. programs.
- d. Proposal of creation and termination of Ph.D. programs so that the activity of the School is oriented towards the fields of knowledge in which Universidad Carlos III de Madrid has international teaching staff and researchers.

2. The University may also assign to the School official Master's degree courses mostly consisting of scientific contents, as well as other open research training activities in the terms provided in the current regulations.

#### **Article 4. The Dean of the School**

1. The Dean of the School is appointed by the Chancellor. He/She must be a notable researcher based at the University, with at least three research periods recognized in the terms provided in R.D. 1086/1989.

2. The Dean's main functions are the management of the School and its representation. Additionally, he/she has the following specific functions:

- a. Authorization of public defense of theses.
- b. Appointment of Thesis Committees
- c. Authorization of exemption of the minimum term required for thesis defense provided in this Regulation.
- d. Management of research skills training as provided in article 4 of R.D. 99/2011.
- e. Submission to the Chancellor of both the proposal for appointment of the Secretary of the School and the departments' proposals for appointment of directors of the programs
- f. Those attributed to the School that have not been attributed to any specific body.

3. The Dean of Doctoral School may constitute an Executive Committee for advisory purposes on the fulfillment of his/her functions, of which he/she will be the president. Two members of this Committee are to be appointed by the Chancellor among four candidates from the Doctoral School Board proposed by the Dean.

#### **Article 5. The Director or Coordinator of the Ph.D. Program**

1. Directors of Ph.D. programs are to be designated by the Chancellor after consultation with the departments and institutes involved in the program. The director of the program must be a relevant researcher with at least two doctoral theses completed under his/her supervision and in possession of at least two periods of recognized research activity. In cases where these evaluation criteria does not apply, equivalent merits must be verified.

2. The Secretary of the Doctoral School is to be designated by the Chancellor upon proposal of the Dean among professor doctors of the University.

The functions of the Secretary of the Doctoral School are:

- a. Assistance to the Dean and performance of functions entrusted to him/her.
- b. Acting as depository of the minutes of meetings and issuing certificates of the agreements stated in the aforementioned minutes.
- c. Issuing academic transcripts, processing transfers of records and registrations, and other functions of a similar nature.
- d. Any other competence that is delegated by the Dean or conferred in the applicable regulation.

### **Article 6. Doctoral School Board**

1. The members of the Doctoral School Board are the Dean of the School, the directors of Ph.D. programs, the Secretary of the School, and a maximum of four representatives of the collaborating entities appointed by the Chancellor upon proposal by the Dean of the School.
2. In the event that the director of a Ph.D. program is unable to attend a meeting of the Doctoral School Board, he/she may be replaced by one of the members of the Academic Committee of the Ph.D. program appointed by him/her. If the Secretary of the School is unable to attend, one of the program directors present at the meeting will be appointed by the Dean of Doctoral School to act as Secretary.
3. The competencies of the Doctoral School Board are:
  - a. To report the strategy document of the Doctoral School and to supervise the development of the annual program.
  - b. To report the proposed new Ph.D. programs, as well as their modifications and extinction.
  - c. To inform about the criteria applied by the Ph.D. programs for their consideration of prestigious academic centers for "Doctorado Internacional" distinction purposes.
  - d. To submit the proposals for Outstanding Thesis Awards recipients to the Chancellor and propose the necessary regulatory improvements.
  - e. To propose the necessary instructions for Ph.D. co-supervision, approve agreements and review their effectiveness.
  - f. Develop the necessary measures to comply with the Code of Good Practice of the School and resolve the doubts that may arise in its interpretation and application.

### **Article 7. The Advisory Board**

1. The Advisory Board is formed by the vice-chancellors with postgraduate and research competence, the Dean of the School, and four members with no connection with either the School or Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. External members are appointed by the Chancellor upon proposal of the Dean of the School. They must be academics with extensive experience in doctoral schools of recognized prestige.
2. The Advisory Board shall recommend objectives for the School to pursue its mission and shall check the coherence of the strategies adopted with these objectives.
3. The meetings of the Advisory Board are convened by the Dean of the School.

### **Article 8. Headquarters and organization**

1. The School will have its headquarters at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid campuses and will develop its activities at the University premises assigned to it.
2. The School will have the administrative personnel assigned by the University for the development of its functions and with the organizational support of the Postgraduate Center.
3. The School will be endowed with an annual budget that will include the endowments of the Ph.D. programs.

## **TITLE II: Ph.D. Programs**

### **Article 9. Academic Committee of the Ph.D. Program**

1. The Academic Committee is formed by the director of the program, who chairs it, and two other Ph.D. holders appointed by the Dean of the School at the proposal of the director of the program, with a previous report by the board of the department to which they belong. The director of the program may propose the appointment of up to four members when the number of departments integrated in the program so advises.

2. The Academic Committee of the Ph.D. program is responsible for the development of the different formative aspects of the doctoral training, its definition, updating, quality and coordination, as well as the progress of the research and training, and the authorization of the thesis presentation of each student of the program. Specifically, the Academic Committee has the following competences:

- a. To establish requirements and criteria for admission of students in the program.
  - b. To appoint tutors and thesis directors, and change their designation.
  - c. To authorize thesis co-supervision.
  - d. To authorize thesis deposit and propose their public defense.
  - e. To propose Thesis Committees.
  - f. To evaluate the activity report research plan of each Ph.D. student on an annual basis.
  - g. To authorize part-time enrollment status, as well as extensions and leaves of absence of students.
3. Members provided for in the University's Internal Quality Assurance System shall be incorporated into the program for the purposes of monitoring and quality control of the programs

#### **Article 10. Seat availability**

The Governing Council will approve the number of seats offered by each Ph.D. program every academic year, taking into account the provisions in the verification report.

#### **Article 11. Presentation of the proposed Ph.D. Program**

1. The initiative to propose a new Ph.D. Program will correspond to the organs of the University that have this competence attributed.
2. The proposal must be framed within the strategy of research and doctoral training of the University and will include an executive report with the following aspects:
  - a. Existence of a potential demand and ability to attract good national and international students.
  - b. Forecast of students and doctoral theses in the following five years.
  - c. Teaching staff and researchers of international renown in the research lines associated with the program.
  - d. Mobility and collaboration with other universities and research centers.
  - e. Mechanisms foreseen to guarantee education with a level of quality equivalent to that of the best European educational institutions.
3. The Chancellor, after the report of the School, and if the proposal is adapted to the research and doctoral training strategy, will require the proponents to prepare a report in accordance with the requirements established by the legislation in force for verification of Ph.D. programs that fits the Internal Quality Assurance System (Spanish acronym SGIC) of uc3m.
4. Once the report has been prepared, it will be subjected to the applicable information procedures prior to its approval by the Governing Council.

#### **Article 12. Interuniversity Ph.D. Programs**

1. A Ph.D. program may be carried out jointly among several universities in collaboration, expressed via agreement, with other organizations, centers, institutions and entities with R&D+i activities, public or private, national or foreign.
2. Except for Interuniversity Ph.D. programs of the European Commission's Erasmus Mundus Program or equivalent, which have their own requirements, the establishment of a Ph.D. program requires the formalization of a specific agreement establishing:
  - a. The common objectives of research and doctoral training.
  - b. The procedure for appointing the director of the program and the rest of members of the Academic Committee.

c. The conditions for the development of the program, particularly the subjects taught by each university or participating institution.

#### **Article 13. Regulations of Ph.D. Programs**

Each Ph.D. program may approve its own regulations establishing the training activities to be carried out by students, either compulsory or optional, and other aspects that are considered necessary for the development of the program.

### **TITLE III: Admission, enrollment and duration of Ph.D. studies**

#### **Article 14. Admission and selection**

1. Each Ph.D. Program will establish the requirements and criteria for selection and admission of students in the terms provided in the verification report. The resolution of admission may include the requirement to carry out specific training complements equivalent to a maximum of 30 ECTS.
2. The director of the program will dictate the resolutions of admission to the program in accordance with the criteria and requirements established by the Academic Committee.

#### **Article 15. Enrollment formalization**

1. Ph.D. students must formalize their enrollment on the program on an annual basis and fulfill the payment of established fees during the periods set by the University for that purpose. Students who fail to formalize their enrollment or do not pay the corresponding fees will be dropped from the program.
2. The Ph.D. enrollment status must be included in both the written agreement and the research plan.

#### **Article 16. Duration of Ph.D. studies**

1. The maximum duration of full-time Ph.D. studies is three years from enrollment to application for thesis deposit.
2. The Academic Committee of the Ph.D. program can authorize a part-time enrollment status. These studies have a maximum duration of five years computed in accordance with the above.
3. Admission of Ph.D. students is conditional upon the corresponding formalization of enrollment during the established period.
4. Leaves of absence for illness, pregnancy or any other cause provided for by the regulations in force, particularly causes defined in the Research Support Measures for Effective Equality Between Women and Men approved by the Governing Council on July 12, 2007, shall not be considered for the purposes of calculation of Ph.D. duration.
5. Ph.D. students can request a temporary leave for a maximum period of one year, expandable up to one more year. Students who fail to rejoin the program after this period will be dropped from the program.

#### **Article 17. Extension of Ph.D. studies**

1. In the case of full-time studies, if an application for thesis deposit has not been submitted after the expiration of the three-year period, the Academic Committee of the program may authorize the extension of this period for one more year and, exceptionally, for one additional year, with the conditions and requirements that have been established in the University's general and specific regulations, and in that of the corresponding Ph.D. program.

2. In the case of part-time studies, the extension may be authorized for two more years and, exceptionally, expand for one additional year.

#### **TITLE IV: Development of Ph.D. studies**

##### **Article 18. Appointment of tutor and thesis advisor**

1. The tutor will be responsible for the adaptation of the Ph.D. student's training to the provisions established by the program, ensuring the interaction between the Ph.D. student and the Academic Committee.

2. The Academic Committee will designate the tutor before the start of the enrollment period. The tutor must be a doctor professor linked to the program with a six-year period of research or who can certify comparable merits before the Dean of the School when the abovementioned criteria does not apply.

3. The Academic Committee will appoint the thesis advisor within a maximum period of six months from enrollment on the Ph.D. program. This advisor may or may not be the same person appointed as tutor. The thesis advisor must be a doctor with at least one six-year period of research or equivalent, and, in the latter case, with the same conditions and procedural requirements indicated for tutor appointment in this Regulation. This assignment may fall on any Spanish or foreign doctor, regardless of the university, center or institution in which they provide their services; academics not based at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid cannot be appointed as tutors. The thesis may be co-supervised by other doctors when the Commission Academic agrees so for academic reasons.

4. The Academic Committee may modify these appointments of tutors and advisors in all cases during the first year, and for justified reasons in subsequent years, after the Ph.D. student has been properly notified.

##### **Article 19. Activity report**

1. In accordance with the procedures and deadlines established by the University and particularly by the Academic Committee of the program, Ph.D. students must report the activities carried out in the corresponding period for its evaluation. The Ph.D. student is responsible for providing certificates and proof of completion of these activities.

2. The University will articulate the necessary mechanisms for the registration of activities relevant to the development of Ph.D. studies in accordance with the provisions of each program. Activities will be reviewed by the tutor and thesis advisor and subsequently evaluated by the Academic Committee. Documents are included as Annex I for the purposes of monitoring these activities.

##### **Article 20. Research plan**

1. Before the end of the first year after enrollment, Ph.D. students are required to submit their initial research plan or Ph.D. thesis project endorsed by the tutor and thesis advisor. The initial research plan can be improved and detailed by the Ph.D. student throughout his/her doctoral training period.

2. In accordance with the procedures and deadlines established by the University and by the Academic Committee, the Ph.D. student will give an account of the evolution and, where appropriate, modifications of the research plan during the academic year for the purpose of its annual evaluation.

### **Article 21. Written agreement**

The University will articulate the necessary mechanisms for the formalization of written agreements concerning supervision of Ph.D. students and other matters provided for in article 11.8 of the R.D. 99/2011.

### **Article 22. Evaluation of the Ph.D. student**

The Academic Committee of the program will evaluate the activity report and research plan registered by the tutor and thesis advisor. A favorable evaluation is indispensable to remain on the program. In the event of an unfavorable evaluation, the reasons of which will be duly listed, the Ph.D. student is to be evaluated again within six months. In the event of another unfavorable evaluation, also duly justified, the Ph.D. student will definitely be dropped from the program.

### **Article 23. Rights and duties of Ph.D. students**

Ph.D. students have the rights and duties provided for in R.D. 1791/2010, these regulations and the rest of applicable regulations.

## **TITLE V: The doctoral thesis**

### **CHAPTER I: Nature of the doctoral thesis**

#### **Article 24. The doctoral thesis**

The doctoral thesis consists of an original research work elaborated by the Ph.D. candidate in any field of knowledge. The doctoral thesis qualifies the student for autonomous work in the field of R&D+i, and must be framed in any of the lines of research of the Ph.D. program.

#### **Article 25. Language of writing and defense of doctoral thesis**

1. The doctoral thesis will be drafted and defended in either Spanish or the usual languages for scientific communication in its field of knowledge.
2. Exceptionally, the Chancellor, after report by the Doctoral School Board, may authorize the writing and defense of the doctoral thesis in another language for academic reasons, provided that the linguistic competence of the members of the Thesis Committee and their conformity with the established procedure is guaranteed.

### **CHAPTER II: Deposit and presentation of doctoral thesis**

#### **Article 26. Authorization of doctoral thesis deposit and proposal of Thesis Committee**

1. Each Ph.D. Program will establish the requirements and procedures for authorization of the doctoral thesis deposit.
2. The authorization of thesis deposit requires that a minimum of two years have elapsed from admission to the Ph.D. Program, and that the Ph.D. student has passed the required evaluations. The Academic Committee of the Ph.D. program may request the exemption of this term to the Dean of the School for justified reasons, with authorization of the thesis advisor and the tutor.
3. The Academic Committee will authorize, if applicable, the doctoral thesis deposit. The Ph.D. student will fulfill the payment of the established examination fees.
4. Once the above procedures have been completed, the thesis will be deposited at the School and the department or corresponding Institute for fifteen calendar days, excluding the month of August, so that other doctors can submit observations about its content. This deposit may be carried out on the University's digital network.

5. The Ph.D. candidate must provide the following originals (signed, where appropriate) upon submission of the doctoral thesis:

- a. Two print copies of the thesis.
- b. A CD containing a digital file (pdf, preferably) of the thesis with a full-color cover for the purposes of archive, preservation and dissemination on the institutional repository E-archivo.
- c. Informed consent agreement by which the Ph.D. candidate states his/her knowledge of the conditions for digital deposit of the thesis in E-Archive under the terms provided in articles 31 and 32 of this regulation.
- d. Curriculum vitae (with a maximum length of three pages)
- e. TESEO file  
(<https://www.educacion.gob.es/teseo/irGestionarConsulta.do;jsessionid=1F81E9ECFA341892CBDDA70D5C4EEE7>)

#### **Article 27. Authorization of thesis public defense**

Once the period of thesis deposit has ended, the Dean of the School will authorize, if applicable, the public defense of the doctoral thesis.

### **CHAPTER III: Proposal and appointment of the Thesis Committee**

Article 28. Appointment of the Thesis Committee and period prior to defense

1. Once the doctoral thesis defense is authorized, the Dean of the School will appoint the Thesis Committee upon proposal of the Academic Committee of the program. The defense session shall be carried out within a maximum period of three months.
2. In the event of resignation by a member of the Thesis Committee, the Dean of the School shall proceed to replace him/her at the proposal of the Academic Committee.

#### **Article 29. Members of the Thesis Committee**

1. The Thesis Committee will have three full members (the President, a spokesperson and the Secretary) and a substitute.
2. The following profiles cannot be considered for the Thesis Committee:
  - a. The tutor and advisor of the thesis, except for theses within the framework of joint Ph.D. supervision agreements.
  - b. The supervisor of the research visit required for the "Doctorado Internacional" distinction.
  - c. Co-authors of publications by the Ph.D. candidate.
4. For theses eligible for the "Doctorado Internacional" distinction, it is required that a member of the Thesis Committee be an expert from a non-Spanish institution of higher education or research center. This expert cannot be the supervisor of the research visit.
5. The majority of members of the Thesis Committee will be in all cases from an external institution, not connected to the University or entities collaborating with either the School or the program.



## **CHAPTER IV: Doctoral thesis defense**

### **Article 30. Defense and evaluation of the doctoral thesis**

1. Before the defense session, a copy of the doctoral thesis will be submitted to each member of the Thesis Committee with at least 15 calendar days in advance. This submission may be done by electronic means.
2. The President of the Committee shall determine the date and place of the thesis defense public session and will summon the remaining members of the Committee and the Ph.D. candidate. The thesis defense will be carried out in the premises of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (a videoconference system may be used where necessary). However, the Dean of the School may authorize, for justified reasons, the presentation, defense and evaluation outside the University's premises.
3. The School will publicly disclose the place and date of the thesis defense public session to the university community.
4. Once the presentation and defense of the doctoral thesis has been completed, the Committee will issue a report with the global qualification awarded to the doctoral thesis according to the scale established in the regulations that are applicable at the time.
5. In compliance with the requirements established in the applicable regulations, the Committee may propose the doctoral thesis for the "cum laude" distinction if the secret ballot for that purpose is unanimously favorable.
6. If the requirements established in the applicable regulations are met, the Committee will vote their proposal for the thesis to be awarded the "cum laude" distinction in the thesis defense session. The Secretary will collect the votes, so that they are known in the subsequent session.
7. After communicating the overall qualification of the thesis to the Ph.D. candidate, the Committee will meet in a new session to count the votes. If all votes are favorable to the proposal, the Committee will propose to the Chancellor the awarding of the "cum laude" distinction.
8. The Secretary of the Committee shall send the original minutes of the defense and evaluation session, as well as the "cum laude" distinction awarding session, to the School, attaching all relevant documents.

### **Article 31. Doctoral thesis archive**

1. Once the doctoral thesis has been favorably evaluated, the University will be in charge of its archive in electronic format in the open-access institutional repository E-Archivo and of sending a copy (also in electronic format) along with all additional information necessary to the Ministry of Education for the appropriate purposes.
2. In case the Thesis Committee considers that it is necessary to add an errata to a doctoral thesis due to recommendations of the Committee itself or other doctors during the public defense session, the Secretary shall write a report and personally submit it to the School along with the errata. The School will manage the inclusion of errata in the copies in deposit.

### **Article 32. Defense and archive of doctoral theses under protection or technology transfer procedures**

1. In exceptional circumstances determined by the Academic Committee of the program, such as participation of companies in the Ph.D. Program, confidentiality agreements with companies or possibility of generating patents based on the content of the doctoral thesis, the legal

procedure ensuring the non-disclosure of any of these aspects in the act of defense and in the subsequent archive of the doctoral thesis in institutional repositories will be followed.

2. Publication of doctoral theses under confidentiality clauses in the institutional repository E-Archivo will be done, if applicable, when the protection or transfer of knowledge procedures are completed, a circumstance that the Ph.D. candidate will duly report to the University.

## **CHAPTER V. “Doctorado Internacional” distinction in the Ph.D. degree certificate**

### **Article 33. Conditions for “Doctorado Internacional” distinction eligibility**

In order for a Ph.D. degree certificate to have the “Doctorado Internacional” distinction, the following requirements must be met:

- a. The Ph.D. candidate must have carried out a research visit of at least three months at an institution of higher education or prestigious research center outside Spain during the doctoral training period, studying or doing research work. The visit and activities must be endorsed by the advisor as well as previously authorized by the Academic Committee, and will be registered in the activity report of the researcher in training.
- b. Part of the doctoral thesis, at least the summary and conclusions, must be written and presented in one of the common languages for scientific communication in its field of knowledge, which must be different from any of the official languages in Spain. This rule will not apply when the visit, reports and experts are from a Spanish-speaking country. The translation of the summary and conclusions must be bound in the doctoral thesis and duly identified in the index.
- c. The doctoral thesis must have been reviewed by a minimum of two Ph.D. experts from an institution of higher education or research institute outside Spain.
- d. At least one Ph.D. expert from an institution of higher education or non-Spanish research center, who must be different from the supervisor for the aforementioned visit in subparagraph a), must have been a member of the Thesis Committee.

### **Article 34. “Doctorado Internacional” distinction in Interuniversity Ph.D. programs**

The doctoral thesis defense will take place at the Spanish university where the researcher in training is enrolled, or, in the case of Interuniversity Ph.D., at any of the participating universities or in the terms of the collaboration agreements. At the time of the doctoral thesis deposit, it is required to provide at the School the required documentation to this effect.

### **Article 35. Prestige Centers**

Ph.D. programs will list prestigious institutions or applicable criteria in their verification memory with regard to the “Doctorado Internacional” distinction. The Academic Committees of Ph.D. programs lacking these provisions must determine, at the time of authorization of research visits and activities, whether the institutions or centers in which these are to be carried out are considered prestigious for “Doctorado Internacional” distinction eligibility purposes. Centers and institutions whose Ph.D. and research programs have a level considered equivalent or higher than that of the corresponding Ph.D. programs at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid will have this consideration. The Academic Committee will inform the School of the criteria applied for these agreements.

### **First transitory disposition**

1. For students whose doctoral training period started before February 11, 2011 under previous regulations, the regulatory provisions that were in force at the time of their admission will apply in regards to their doctoral training and issuance of Ph.D. degree certificate.  
They will have 5 years to present and defend their thesis, counting as of February 11, 2011. If the defense has not been carried out after this period, the student will be dropped from the program.
2. The provisions regarding to Thesis Committee, defense and evaluation of the doctoral thesis provided for in R.D. 99/2011 are applicable in all cases.

### **Second transitory disposition**

Ph.D. candidates who have started their doctoral studies as of February 11, 2011 can obtain the "Doctorado Internacional" distinction but not the "Doctor Europeus" distinction in their Ph.D. degree certificate, as the latter has been repealed by R.D. 99/2011. Ph.D. candidates who began their studies before February 11, 2011, and have defended or defend their thesis after that date, may obtain either the "Doctor Europeus" distinction in accordance with the previous regulations or the "Doctorado Internacional" distinction.

### **Third transitory disposition**

The Doctoral School and the directors of programs and Academic Committees regulated in the present norm will develop all the necessary functions in regards to Ph.D. programs under previous plans in accordance with the applicable regulation.

### **Additional disposition**

1. The homologation of Ph.D. studies will follow the procedure established in the Governing Council agreement of September 29, 2005.
2. The Outstanding Thesis Awards will be granted according to the procedure established in the Governing Council agreement of October 17, 2002.

### **Single derogatory disposition**

1. The regulation of Ph.D. Studies approved on July 5, 2012 repealed both the regulations of the structure, characteristics and organization of Ph.D. programs at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid approved by the Government Council in session of March 26, 2009, as well as the procedure for preparation, presentation and defense of the doctoral thesis (articles 11 to 13 of RD 56/2005 of January 21), approved by the Governing Council in session of June 20, 2007
2. As a consequence of the approval of these Regulations of the Doctoral School, the Regulations of Ph.D. Studies approved on July 5, 2012 are repealed.

**Final disposition**

These Regulations will come into effect the day after their approval by the Doctoral School.