Pursuant to Article 111 of the Statute of the University of Zagreb School of Medicine, the Dean of the School adopted the consolidated text of the Regulations on PhD Programmes on 2 October 2025.
The consolidated text of the Regulations on PhD Programmes includes the Regulations on PhD Programmes of 29 April 2025, Class: 003-08/25-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-1626/40, and the Decision on Amendments to the Regulations on PhD Programmes of 27 May 2025, Class: 003-08/25-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-25-2056/6.

REGULATIONS ON PhD PROGRAMMES

(consolidated text)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(1) These Regulations regulate the organization and implementation of PhD programmes at the School, which includes those responsible for running the programmes, the form and duration of the programmes, conditions of enrolment, manner of implementation, organization of courses and research, application procedure, evaluation and defence of the PhD thesis, method of monitoring the quality of programmes, the rights and obligations of PhD candidates, the rights and obligations of PhD thesis mentors, and other issues related to the organization and implementation of PhD programmes.
(2) Terms used in these Regulations that have a gender meaning are used neutrally and refer equally to the masculine and feminine gender.
PhD programme is a postgraduate scientific university programme.
Provider of the programme is the University of Zagreb, which adopts all study programmes.
Implementer of the programme is the School, which is responsible for the organization of the PhD programme, conducts the study programme, enrols students and completes the procedure for attaining the doctorate of science. The School is responsible for collecting and storing the information about the PhD candidate (e.g. in the portfolio) in accordance with the regulations governing the protection of personal data.

Article 2

(1) The bodies responsible for conducting PhD programmes at the School are:
a) the Faculty Council, which appoints the PhD programme directors and their deputies; the chairpersons and the members of the Boards referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this Article; the President and the members of the Ethics Committee and its working groups; committees for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal and for proposing a mentor; committees for the evaluation of the PhD thesis; committees for the defence of the PhD thesis; mentors and co-mentors of the PhD thesis;
b) the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, which performs the function of the Doctoral Studies Council, and which is constituted in the manner determined by the provisions of the Statute of the School;
c) the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates;
d) the Board for PhD Theses, which, in cooperation with the Ethics Committee of the School, carries out the entire procedure of application, evaluation and defence of the PhD thesis, and proposes to the Faculty Council the appointment of appropriate committees and the appointment of a mentor and co-mentor of the PhD thesis;
e) the Ethics Committee of the School of Medicine (including the Working Group for Biomedical Research and the Board for Animal Well-being), which, together with the Board

for PhD Theses, participates in the process of academic review, public discussion and the final evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal, using the prescribed combined forms (in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 and Article 11 of the Rules on the Ethics Committee of the School and other provisions of these Regulations). The Ethics Committee deals exclusively with ethical issues, while the evaluation of the hypothesis, aims, methods and scientific contribution of the PhD thesis proposal falls within the competence of the Board for PhD Theses and the appointed Committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal.

Article 3

(1) The PhD thesis mentor has the primary responsibility for monitoring and supporting the work and progress of PhD candidates during their studies.
(2) At the time of enrolment in the PhD programme, and until the moment of appointment of the PhD thesis mentor, a study adviser is assigned to the PhD candidate, who performs the functions of a mentor during this period, i.e. assists the PhD candidate in the programme, monitors their work and achievements and, together with the PhD candidate, draws up a plan of obligations (which the implementer of the programme stores in the documentation, e.g. the PhD candidate's portfolio).
(3) For each PhD candidate enrolled, a three-member study committee may be appointed to serve as a study adviser throughout the entire course of the studies. The PhD thesis mentor is, ex officio, a member of the three-member study committee, but neither the mentor nor the other members of that committee can be members of the committees for the evaluation and defence of the PhD thesis proposal and/or the completed PhD thesis.
(4) The mentor, study adviser and members of the three-member study committee must be employees of the School in a scientific-teaching or scientific position, as well as persons holding a titular appointment equivalent to a scientific-teaching or scientific position, and professors emeritus of the University of Zagreb or full members of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (HAZU).

Article 4

(1) A PhD candidate's portfolio is a folder containing all the relevant information about the PhD candidate from their admission to the PhD programme until their graduation ceremony. The School is responsible for collecting and storing the information in the portfolio.

Article 5

(1) PhD programmes may be founded and conducted only in fields in which the School, as the provider of the programme, has the necessary human and material resources, as well as international recognition in scientific research.
(2) PhD programmes are based on original research work and learning through research. A characteristic feature of a PhD programme is internationalization, transparency, international standards of quality and international competitiveness. The goals of a PhD programme are:

- to generate new and relevant knowledge and insights, as well as to apply them;
- to educate researchers and experts in the field of biomedicine;
- to enable PhD candidates to pursue an independent, research-based and interdisciplinary approach to problems, to conduct research independently and to evaluate the work of others critically;
- to gain knowledge, experience and skills that must enable doctors of science to solve complex theoretical, social and economic problems creatively and based on research;

– to enable internationalization of research work at the University.

(3) A PhD thesis must be an original contribution to science, and it represents the basis for evaluation of whether a PhD candidate has successfully acquired the knowledge and skills that will enable him/her to conduct independent, original and internationally recognized research and to evaluate critically the work of other researchers.

FORMS AND ORGANIZATION OF PhD PROGRAMMES

Article 6

(1) The forms of PhD programmes are organized by the School pursuant to the provisions of the relevant regulations of the University of Zagreb and its own development strategy.

(2) The fundamental part and framework of a PhD programme is the writing of a PhD thesis as an original contribution to science and the successful publication of the results of that work in internationally peer-reviewed journals.

(3) In addition to the work on their PhD thesis, PhD candidates are required to attend other forms of classes (e.g. lectures, seminars, practical work, laboratory rotations, workshops, round tables, journal clubs). The workload of the curriculum is expressed in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Classes in the form of lectures must not exceed 20 percent (i.e. a maximum of 36 ECTS credits) of the overall workload prescribed by the curriculum. In order to encourage mobility and interdisciplinarity, PhD candidates may enrol and attend parts of classes at other PhD programmes and conduct some of their research at other national or international academic institutions. The approval for such work is granted by the Council for Postgraduate Programmes on the basis of the prior written explanation by the mentor of the PhD thesis and the PhD candidate and the consent of the PhD Programme Coordination Committee and the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies.

(4) The Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies, on the basis of a proposal of the PhD Programme Coordination Committee, may prescribe the obligation upon the PhD candidates to attend differential courses to acquire basic knowledge necessary for successful attendance and completion of the PhD programme.

(5) On the basis of previously established conditions and/or signed contracts, some of the classes at PhD programmes of the School may be attended by PhD candidates from PhD programmes of other national or international universities.

CONDITIONS FOR ENROLMENT AND DURATION OF STUDY

Article 7

(1) Conditions for enrolment are determined by the Council for Postgraduate Programmes based on the proposal of the PhD Programme Coordination Committee and in accordance with the existing regulations.

(2) An applicant to a PhD programme may be a person who has completed the relevant university graduate programme or university integrated undergraduate and graduate programme in the scientific field of Biomedicine and Health Sciences and a related field, or a university specialist programme in the scientific field of Biomedicine and Health Sciences, and who has a grade point average of at least 3.51, or, in the grading system 5–10 or A–F, a grade point average of at least 8.00 at the undergraduate and graduate level. The candidate must have earned at least 300 ECTS credits in the relevant programmes or, if the programme was completed before the introduction of the Bologna system, four years of university undergraduate study.

The School may prescribe the minimum level of language competences of candidates required for attending the study programme in the language in which the programme is conducted.
(3) Enrolment quotas are determined on the basis of availability of research, teaching and mentorship capacities. Enrolment quotas are determined by the Council for Postgraduate Programmes based on the proposal of the PhD Programme Coordination Committee.
(4) Enrolment in a PhD programme is done on the basis of a public call for applications published on the School's website no later than 1 May of the current year.
(5) The call for applications for enrolment in PhD programmes includes:

- the title of the programme,
- the conditions for enrolment,
- the minimum and maximum number of places for enrolment,
- tuition fees,
- the procedure,
- a list of documents required to apply,
- prescribed application forms,
- the deadline for submission of applications, as well as other conditions, which are announced on the School's notice board and the School's website.

(6) Candidates submit their applications using the electronic form available on the Internet and on other prescribed forms, which are an integral part of the call for applications.
(7) Candidates who have completed an integrated undergraduate and graduate programme or a graduate programme abroad must submit the decision on the academic recognition of a foreign higher education qualification when applying to the call for applications.
(8) The criteria for evaluation of candidates include the grade point average in the integrated undergraduate and graduate programme or graduate programme, interest in scientific-research work (published papers and abstracts of congress proceedings), the level of language competences of the candidate required for attending the study programme, letters of recommendation by teachers and the potential mentor, and a research topic proposal for the PhD thesis. An interview with the candidate is an obligatory part of the application procedure. At the time of enrolment, all the necessary conditions for completion of the programme within the prescribed time must be clearly defined.
(9) If a sufficient number of candidates fulfilling the conditions for enrolment in the programme have submitted their applications, the Faculty Council shall reach a decision to organise the programme. If there are more candidates than the maximum number prescribed in the call for applications, the decision on acceptance and enrolment of candidates is made by the Faculty Council, on the basis of the proposal of the PhD Programme Application Committee.
(10) The selection of candidates for a PhD programme is carried out by a PhD Programme Application Committee consisting of:

- the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies,
- the Director, Deputy Director and Assistant Directors of the relevant PhD programme.

(11) The Faculty Council makes the decision on the acceptance and enrolment of candidates, which is announced on the School's notice board and website. The decision on acceptance and enrolment of candidates is considered as a first instance decision. Candidates whose application for enrolment is not accepted may submit their appeal to the Dean within 15 days from the date of announcement of the decision on the School's notice board and website. The Dean's decision on the appeal is final.

Article 8

(1) A PhD candidate has the right to complete the programme under the conditions under which they enrolled within six years. The six-year period does not include the temporary suspension

of study obligations for justified reasons (pregnancy, maternity, parental and adoption leave, longer illness, other justified and explained cases).
(2) Before the expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the PhD candidate may submit a request for continuation of studies. On the basis of the submitted request, the PhD Programme Coordination Committee determines the conditions for continuation of studies and the deadline for completion of studies.
(3) At the beginning of each academic year, the PhD candidates must regulate their status by enrolling in the following year of study, by repeating the year or by enrolling in a temporary suspension of studies. After three consecutive regularly enrolled years of study in which the classes of obligatory and optional courses were attended, if the research has not been completed and the PhD thesis has not been submitted for evaluation, the PhD candidate may enrol in an additional (non-nominal) year of study in order to have their student status regulated and to be able to fulfil their obligations until the submission of the PhD thesis for evaluation.
(4) Enrolment in a temporary suspension of studies in a particular academic year must be approved in advance on the basis of an explained request. Temporary suspension of studies may be approved up to three times, which corresponds to the duration of the PhD programme, i.e. of the organized classes.
(5) At the beginning of the academic year, the PhD candidate is obliged to draw up a plan of activities and to submit once a year to the Council for Postgraduate Programmes a report on their work (with a possible presentation of the research). The report is submitted on the University form.
(6) If the quality of the PhD candidate's work, evaluated through the annual evaluation procedures conducted by the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, is not satisfactory, the Council for Postgraduate Programmes may decide that the PhD candidate shall lose the right to continue the studies.
(7) After enrolment in the PhD programme, the PhD candidate may request recognition of exams passed at the doctoral level at another constituent unit or another university.

FORMS OF PhD PROGRAMMES

Article 9

PhD programmes may have the following forms:
1. a PhD programme provided by one constituent unit or by the University;
2. a dual doctorate, in which the PhD candidate receives two diplomas, with obligatory dual mentorship, as international and inter-institutional co-supervision (cotutelle de thèse);
3. a joint programme conducted jointly by at least two national higher education institutions or by at least one national and one foreign higher education institution. Exceptionally, a joint PhD programme may be conducted jointly by at least one higher education institution and a public scientific institute.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF PhD PROGRAMMES

Article 10

(1) PhD programmes are organized and carried out as regular programmes according to the curriculum adopted by the Senate of the University of Zagreb, on the basis of the proposal of the Faculty Council.

Article 11

(1) The curriculum of a PhD programme includes:

- the academic degree,
- the duration of the programme and the period of completion of the programme,
- enrolment conditions,
- a short content of obligatory and optional courses,
- planned learning outcomes achieved through the fulfilment of individual study obligations, study modules and the overall curriculum, as well as the estimated number of hours for each study obligation that ensures the achievement of the planned learning outcomes,
- the organization of teaching (lectures, seminars, exercises, practical work, laboratory rotations, etc.) and recommended literature,
- the number of credits for each individual course,
- the title of foreign programmes with which the programme is comparable,
- the description of the organization of the programme and the schedule for registration and taking exams,
- enrolment conditions for the next year of study,
- the way of monitoring the quality and success of the programme, and the way the PhD candidates participate in its evaluation,
- a list of active scientific projects and heads of projects and/or laboratories (as potential mentors for PhD theses),
- the manner of completion of the programme in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, and
- the conditions under which PhD candidates who have interrupted their studies may continue their studies.

Article 12

(1) PhD candidates have the right and duty to participate in all forms of classes, and they are required to attend at least 80% of classes, of which records are kept. The provisions of the Regulations on Undergraduate and Graduate Programmes of the School shall be appropriately applied to the questions of attendance, records of classes, taking of examinations and the rights and obligations of PhD candidates, with the provision that a temporary suspension of study obligations may last no longer than three years.

Article 13

(1) PhD candidates' knowledge is assessed by written examination, oral examination, independent exercise and other forms of practical assessment, in accordance with the curriculum.

Article 14

(1) As a rule, PhD programmes are organized with obligatory and optional courses, using a credit system, as programmes leading to the academic degree of Doctor of Science, in accordance with the curriculum and the provisions of the University Statute and the School's Statute. The PhD programme curriculum is designed for each PhD candidate from the courses

available at the University and freely selected, and that curriculum is created by the PhD candidate in agreement with the mentor and with the approval of the Faculty Council.

Article 15

(1) A PhD programme consists of:
a) organized classes over a period of three study years in accordance with the curriculum (obligatory and optional courses, i.e. in terms of content, methodological and field-related courses and practical work);
b) the PhD candidate's scientific activity (published papers and citations, national and international awards related to the PhD thesis proposal, scientific lectures related to the PhD thesis proposal, participation in scientific conferences related to the PhD thesis proposal), pursuant to the provisions of the relevant PhD programme curriculum;
c) the submission of the PhD thesis proposal, the approval of the University of Zagreb for writing the PhD thesis, and a successful writing and defence of the PhD thesis.

Article 16

(1) The curriculum determines the conditions for enrolment in the subsequent study year and the conditions for submission of the completed PhD thesis for evaluation.

COMPLETION OF THE PhD PROGRAMME

Article 17

(1) A PhD programme is completed by passing all exams, with positively evaluated scientific activity and a successful public defence of the PhD thesis.
(2) At least 8 days before the defence, the PhD candidate must submit the bound PhD thesis and the PhD thesis in electronic form.
(3) Within 15 days from the date of the defence, the PhD candidate must fill in the University form for the graduation ceremony to the degree of Doctor of Science.
(4) The programme is completed by the submission of the PhD thesis in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and of the prescribed accompanying documentation.
(5) Within 15 days from the defence of the PhD thesis, the implementer of the programme is obliged to update the data on the PhD candidate's completion of studies, i.e. to deliver all the necessary documentation to the competent office of the University.
(6) After the completion of studies, the PhD candidate is issued a diploma within the deadlines set by the regulations governing the form and content of diplomas.
(7) The diploma of completed studies is awarded by the Rector at the graduation ceremony of doctors of science and doctors of arts.
(8) If the graduation ceremony is convened after the deadlines referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article, the PhD candidate may collect the diploma before the graduation ceremony at the competent office of the University.

Article 18

(1) Upon completion of the PhD programme, the PhD candidate attains an appropriate academic degree and title and other rights pursuant to special regulations.

Article 19

(1) The academic degree of Doctor of Science is awarded on the basis of the procedure carried out by the School, pursuant to the Law, the University's Statute, the School's Statute and the provisions of these Regulations. The day of a successful public defence of the PhD thesis is considered to be the day of attainment of the academic degree of Doctor of Science.

Article 20

(1) After the completion of studies, the PhD candidate is issued a diploma within the deadlines set by the Regulations governing the form and content of diplomas.
(2) The diploma of completed studies is awarded by the Rector at the graduation ceremony of doctors of science and doctors of arts.
(3) In addition to the diploma, PhD candidates are issued a diploma supplement, confirming which exams they have passed, with which grade and how many ECTS credits they earned.
(4) PhD candidates, upon request, may be issued a preliminary diploma supplement before the completion of studies. Diplomas are public documents.
(5) If the graduation ceremony is convened after the deadlines set by the Regulations governing the form and content of diplomas, the PhD candidate may collect the diploma before the graduation ceremony at the competent office of the University.
(6) The PhD diploma is a public document confirming that the PhD candidate has completed a particular programme and has acquired the right to the academic degree in accordance with the Law. The number of ECTS credits prescribed by the study programme is entered in the diploma.

COURSE LEADERS AND TEACHING STAFF OF THE PhD PROGRAMME

Article 21

(1) A course leader at the PhD programme may be an employee of the School in a scientific-teaching or scientific position, a person holding a titular appointment equivalent to a scientific-teaching or scientific position, a person who is a professor emeritus of the University of Zagreb or a full member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (HAZU), as well as a person in a scientific-teaching or scientific position from another public academic institution in the country or abroad.
(2) Retired full professors of the School with a permanent appointment may be co-leaders of the course.
(3) The course leaders of a PhD programme are appointed by the Council for Postgraduate Programmes upon the proposal of the director of the relevant PhD programme.
(4) A course leader at the PhD programme must fulfil the following conditions:
a) that during the past 5 years theyhas been the leader of a national or international project or an active contributor to such a project,
b) that theyhas published at least three internationally recognized papers relevant to the subject area of their PhD programme course over the past five years (as evidenced by the printing of data from the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-Expanded) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection).

Article 22

(1) Teaching at a PhD programme is carried out by national and international scientists elected to scientific-teaching and scientific positions.

(2) In exceptional cases, on the basis of a motion by the course leader and with the approval of the PhD programme director and the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies, part of the teaching, under the supervision of teachers, may also be conducted by persons who have not been elected to scientific or scientific-teaching positions but have attained the academic degree of Doctor of Science. "Experts from practice", who have not been elected to scientific or scientific-teaching positions, may also participate in classes which comprise practical work and "round tables" (panel discussions).
(3) The teaching report will not be accepted if it presents associates who are not listed in the plan for implementation of the curriculum. Participants in round tables must be listed in the plan for implementation of the curriculum. Associates not listed in the plan for implementation of the curriculum in the course application shall not be paid a fee. Any changes to the list of associates shall be registered with the Council for Postgraduate Programmes before the beginning of a new academic year.

MENTORSHIP AND CO-MENTORSHIP OF THE PhD THESIS

Article 23

(1) The PhD candidate has the right to freely and independently choose a mentor (and a potential co-mentor) for their PhD thesis, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of these Regulations. The decision to appoint a mentor is made by the Faculty Council on the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses and the written consent of the mentor (and a potential co-mentor) to accept mentoring and other necessary documentation prescribed by the appropriate forms of the Board for PhD Theses.

Article 24

(1) PhD thesis mentors and co-mentors cannot be members of the expert committees for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal, or for the evaluation and defence of the completed PhD thesis.
(2) Full members of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (HAZU), professors emeritus of the University of Zagreb and retired full professors of the School with a permanent appointment may be members of the committees for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal and the evaluation and defence of the completed PhD thesis. The decision on this is made by the Faculty Council on the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses.

Article 25

(1) An employee of the School elected to a scientific-teaching or scientific position, or a person holding a titular appointment equivalent to a scientific-teaching or scientific position at the School, may be appointed as a mentor of the PhD thesis, provided that they are active researchers in the field for which the PhD thesis is proposed, as evidenced by the simultaneous fulfilment of the following two criteria:
a) that during the past 5 years they have been the leader of a national or international project or an active contributor to such a project,
b) that they have published at least 3 internationally recognized papers relevant to the research of the PhD thesis over the past five years (as evidenced by the printing of data from the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection).

(2) Professors emeritus and full members of HAZU can be mentors of PhD theses if they are active leaders of research projects. The decision on this is made by the Faculty Council on the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses.
(3) An employee of the School or a teacher holding a titular appointment equivalent to a scientific-teaching or scientific position at the School may co-mentor at another constituent unit of the University of Zagreb or at another university only with the prior special permission of the School.
(4) A mentor who is not an employee of the University of Zagreb or of the School must sign with the School, on the University form, an agreement on cooperation and assumption of responsibility.

Article 26

(1) In order to ensure the full and comprehensive development and education of PhD candidates, to enhance interdisciplinarity, the quality of research and the mobility of young researchers, and the quality of PhD theses, the School shall, in addition to the mentor, appoint another mentor (hereinafter: co-mentor) if necessary (e.g. interdisciplinary research, conducting research in multiple institutions). The co-mentor can be a person in a scientific-teaching or scientific position who is:
a) an employee of the School;
b) an employee of another constituent unit of the University of Zagreb;
c) an employee of another institution in the Republic of Croatia with which the School and/or the University has signed an agreement on scientific, teaching and professional cooperation;
d) a foreign researcher with whom the mentor has scientific and professional cooperation.

Article 27

(1) Prior to taking up the first mentorship, the prospective mentor must attend a workshop for mentors organized by the University, the School or recognized international schools, or co-mentor one PhD thesis.
(2) A mentor who has been appointed prior to retirement has the right to complete that mentorship with the consent of the Faculty Council.
(3) Simultaneous mentoring or co-mentoring of more PhD candidates may be permitted in justified and clearly explained cases, the decision of which shall be made by the Faculty Council on the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses. A mentor may mentor up to three PhD candidates at a time, and in exceptional cases up to five PhD candidates.
(4) If the same person, according to paragraph 3 of this Article, as an exception, mentors five PhD candidates, they cannot be appointed as a co-mentor.
(5) If the same person, according to paragraph 3 of this Article, as an exception, co-mentors five PhD candidates, they cannot be appointed as a mentor.

Article 28

(1) The mentor is obliged to supervise the PhD candidate during the preparation of the PhD thesis, to monitor the quality of the PhD candidate's work, to encourage the publication of their papers and to enable them to participate fully in scientific research projects. The same applies to the co-mentor, who assumes responsibility for the approved part of the research of the PhD thesis.
(2) Primary responsibility for publishing papers co-authored by the PhD candidate is the responsibility of the mentor, who is expected to maintain at least average scientific productivity

during the writing of the PhD thesis (which means publishing at least one paper per year in internationally peer-reviewed journals indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection). In an average six-year period in which the student is expected to complete the PhD thesis, the mentor must publish:

- at least three papers (in journals indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection) while ensuring that the PhD candidate is the first author on at least one of the three papers; or
- at least one paper in a Quartile 1 (Q1) or Quartile 2 (Q2) journal in which theyis the last author and the PhD candidate the first author.

The aforementioned papers cannot be considered as qualification papers for the defence of a PhD thesis for more than one PhD candidate.
(3) The mentor is obliged to submit annual reports on the PhD candidate's progress to the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, using the appropriate form of the University adapted for the needs of the School. Before the mentor is appointed, that report is to be submitted by the study adviser.

Article 29

(1) In the procedure of attaining the academic degree of Doctor of Science, the mentor and the co-mentor may not be in a conflict of interest, which includes:
a) persons who are related to the PhD candidate (blood relatives in the direct line to any degree, in the collateral line to the fourth degree, relatives by marriage to the second degree, or persons in a marriage, common-law union or life partnership with the PhD candidate);
b) persons who share common financial and other material interests with the PhD candidate (e.g. co-authorship or co-ownership of a patent).

STATUS, OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF PhD CANDIDATES

Article 30

(1) A person acquires the status of a PhD candidate by enrolling in a PhD programme at the University and the School.
(2) A PhD candidate enrolled in a PhD programme (conducted in Croatian or English) may be:
1. an assistant or a resident employed by the School or the School's teaching base, whose costs of study are covered by the science and higher education system, i.e. a research assistant or young researcher employed on a national or international project of the PhD thesis mentor, whose costs are covered by the resources of that project;
2. a PhD candidate who is a recipient of a competitive national or international scholarship explicitly awarded for enrolment in a PhD programme and writing a PhD thesis;
3. a PhD candidate whose study costs are paid by the legal entity in which they are employed, provided that the legal entity has previously concluded an appropriate agreement on scientific cooperation with the School;
4. a PhD candidate who pays the cost of their studies by him/herself.

Article 31

(1) Prior to the enrolment in the first semester of a PhD programme, selected candidates are required to sign a contract on mutual rights and obligations.

(2) The contract referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall contain provisions on:
a) the contracting parties,
b) the student's financial obligations,
c) the obligations regarding enrolment and completion of the programme, and
d) other rights and obligations relevant to the completion of the programme,
e) statements by the PhD candidates and their mentors about the understanding of the commitments they made and their rights and responsibilities during the PhD programme.
(3) After signing the contract referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, as well as making the payment of contracted financial obligations and obtaining the Student course and grade book (Student's Indeks), the candidates gain student status.

Article 32

At the beginning of each academic year, the PhD candidate must regulate their status by enrolling in the following year of study, by repeating the year or by enrolling in a temporary suspension of studies. Enrolment in a temporary suspension of studies in a particular academic year must be approved in advance on the basis of an explained request. A temporary suspension of study obligations may be approved no more than three times. If the PhD candidate has not submitted a request for temporary suspension and has not enrolled in the following year of study, they are considered to have enrolled in a repeated year. Only one repeated year may be enrolled in each academic year; otherwise, the PhD candidate loses student status.

Article 33

(1) PhD candidates who have lost their student status may, at the latest 3 months from the date of the loss of student status, submit a request for continuation of studies according to the current curriculum. The decision on this request is made by the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies, and the PhD candidate who is not satisfied with the decision has the right to submit an appeal to the Dean within 15 days. The Dean may dismiss, reject or grant the appeal.
(2) The appeal shall be dismissed if the appeal period of 15 days, counting from the date of the receipt of the decision, has passed and if the appeal was submitted by an unauthorized person.
(3) The appeal is rejected if it is established that the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies has made a justified decision, pursuant to all the relevant facts and the evidence gathered.
(4) The appeal is granted if it is established that the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies failed to take into account all the relevant facts and evidence when making the decision. In that case, the Dean may:
a) revoke the decision and return the case to the Vice-Dean for reconsideration; or
b) modify the decision and grant the student's request.

Article 34

(1) A PhD candidate is obliged to submit to the Council for Postgraduate Programmes an annual report on their progress on the appropriate University form adapted for the needs of the School. In addition to the above form, the student is required to submit a certificate that in each academic year they have spent at least 160 working hours within the laboratory or clinical department or the Referral Centre of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia or other relevant research dealing with the topic related to the field of the PhD thesis. That certificate may be issued by the head of the clinical department or laboratory or the Referral Centre or the leader of other relevant research. In case the PhD candidate is employed in a private institution, the certificate will be issued by the PhD thesis mentor. These reports shall be submitted through

the School's Registration office, addressed to the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates. The Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates or its associated Working Group evaluates the reports as a permanent working body of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes.
(2) A PhD candidate has the right to change the mentor appointed to supervise the accepted PhD thesis proposal once, by means of a written request and a statement of the former mentor, on the appropriate University form.
(3) Exceptions to paragraph 2 of this Article can be made and the Faculty Council, pursuant to the proposal of the Board for PhD Theses, may, at the request of the student, approve several changes of the mentor for justified reasons resulting from extraordinary and unforeseen events and events that could not be prevented, eliminated or avoided. A committee consisting of the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies, the Vice-Dean for Science and the director of the relevant PhD programme decides on whether the PhD candidate's request for a change of mentor is justified.
(4) A PhD candidate has the right to submit a request to terminate work on the previously accepted PhD thesis proposal once, and to request evaluation and acceptance of a new PhD thesis proposal with the appointment of the same or a new mentor, with a written explanation and the consent of the previous mentor and a written explanation and acceptance of mentoring duties of the new mentor.
(5) Exceptions to paragraph 4 of this Article can be made and the Faculty Council, pursuant to the proposal of the Board for PhD Theses, may, at the request of the student, approve several requests to terminate work on the previously accepted PhD thesis proposal for justified reasons resulting from unforeseen events, extraordinary events and events that could not be prevented, eliminated or avoided.
(6) In case of disagreement between the PhD candidate and the mentor which prevents the completion of the PhD thesis, the procedure of reconciliation of the mentor and the PhD candidate is carried out before the Board for PhD Theses. If the above procedure fails, further supervision of the process will be taken over by an ad hoc committee consisting of the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies, the Vice-Dean for Science and the PhD programme director. The committee will have the task of making a decision within a reasonable time, not more than 6 months, that will provide the optimal solution for the PhD candidate and the mentor.
(7) The decision on termination of work on a previously approved PhD thesis proposal, the acceptance of a new PhD thesis proposal and the appointment of a new mentor shall be made by the Faculty Council on the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses.
(8) Before the defence of the PhD thesis, the PhD candidate is obliged to have published, or had accepted for publication, during the studies at least one original scientific paper (in which theyis the first author, or one of the first authors, and a co-author with the mentor or co-mentor of their PhD thesis) in an international or national scientific journal indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection. The paper must be in the scientific field to which the PhD thesis relates and be thematically related to the doctoral research. The mentor must be the last author of the paper, which confirms their active participation and professional contribution to the research. Each paper, except with an appropriate explanation (e.g. equal authorship), may qualify only one PhD candidate.
(9) A PhD candidate may be qualified only by a scientific paper published with the name of the provider of the programme and of the implementer of the programme stated (University of Zagreb School of Medicine). In addition to the provider of the programme and the implementer of the programme, the PhD candidate may also state other institutions, if necessary and/or justified.

OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF PhD CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES

Article 35

(1) A PhD candidate with a disability may study under adapted conditions of study in accordance with the study contract.
(2) PhD candidates with disabilities are students who, due to illness, impairment or disorder, have permanent, temporary or transient difficulties in performing academic activities, regardless of the percentage of physical impairment or the type or degree of disability. The right to the status of a student with a disability is determined on the basis of a decision on the percentage of physical impairment issued by the competent body, findings and an opinion on the type and degree of disability established by expert assessment, or other relevant medical documentation, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the general acts of the School.
(3) Adapted conditions of study include the adaptation of the teaching process and of taking exams without compromising academic standards and in accordance with the set learning outcomes, which are the same for all PhD candidates.

PhD THESIS

Article 36

(1) A PhD thesis, as defined in Article 5, paragraph 3 of these Regulations, is a public scientific work, produced at a public university and subject to public scientific evaluation.
(2) Restriction of the public evaluation and defence of the PhD thesis is possible in exceptional cases, as prescribed by Article 43 of these Regulations.

Article 37

(1) A PhD thesis is, as a rule, written in Croatian and must include an English translation of the title, keywords and abstract. The PhD thesis must be based on one hypothesis and have main and specific aims, which together will form a cohesive unit aimed at testing the hypothesis of the PhD thesis.
(2) The formats of a PhD thesis are:
a. a scientific monograph, and
b. the Scandinavian model: a set of published scientific papers, accompanied by a critical review chapter, consisting of an introduction, discussion, conclusion and a detailed review of the relevant literature. The critical review places the results of the PhD thesis in the context of existing scientific knowledge. This format of a PhD thesis is only possible within the research done as part of a PhD programme, and scientific papers must be published after the enrolment in the PhD programme. Scientific papers that are combined as a PhD thesis must form a new rounded unit of at least three papers published in journals indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection, at least one of them in a journal with an impact factor within quartile 1 (Q1) or quartile 2 (Q2) from the field of the PhD research according to InCites Journal Citation Reports (WoS). In the total number of papers, the aforementioned at least three papers can qualify only one candidate, while for other PhD candidates these papers will not count as papers qualifying them for the PhD thesis, unless in case of an equal contribution of the PhD candidates (equal contribution). The equal contribution must be clearly stated in the published papers.

The PhD candidate must be the first author in at least two of the above papers. The mentor or mentors must be co-authors on all papers, and the last authors in at least 2/3 of the papers. However, not all mentors need to be co-authors on the same papers. Compiled papers must make new scientific contributions in relation to individual papers. This PhD thesis format, including the published articles, undergoes the same evaluation procedure as all other formats of PhD thesis. In order to avoid any misunderstanding between the publisher of the paper and its author, the PhD candidate is obliged to ensure, in the contract with the publisher, the application of the provisions of the regulations governing copyright and related rights, as well as of the regulations governing higher education and scientific activity. A PhD candidate may be qualified only by a scientific paper published with the name of the provider of the programme stated. In addition to the provider of the programme, the PhD candidate may also state other institutions.
(3) The PhD candidate and the mentor/s must clearly state in which format they will submit the PhD thesis when submitting the PhD thesis proposal.
(4) The PhD thesis may also be written in English, in the following situations:
a) in the case of PhD candidates who have enrolled in a PhD programme in English;
b) if so required by the appointment of a foreign co-mentor or committee member.
(5) When the PhD thesis is written in English, it must contain a Croatian translation of the title, keywords and abstract.
(6) Printing, binding, technical and graphic equipment of the completed PhD thesis shall be performed in accordance with the instructions of the Board for PhD Theses and the University of Zagreb.

Article 38

1. The PhD candidate cannot object to their PhD thesis being made available to the public in the public online database of the university library, the library of the constituent unit of the University at which the programme is conducted, and in the public online database of final theses of the National and University Library.
2. If the results of the PhD research include an innovation to which the protection of intellectual property rights applies, the PhD candidate and the mentor are obliged to notify the Board for PhD Theses in advance when submitting the PhD thesis proposal. In such a case, the Board for PhD Theses may approve the registration and work on the PhD thesis without public presence, right up until the moment of the public defence of the completed thesis. The defence of the completed PhD thesis remains public.
3. If this request is approved, the period from the moment of approval of the request until the need for postponement of the public defence ceases is not counted towards the duration of study.
4. In the case referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Board for PhD Theses shall direct the student and the mentor to additional cooperation with the Technology Transfer Offices of the School and the University of Zagreb, which carry out the Procedure of legal protection and commercialization of research results, in accordance with the Rulebook on the work of the Technology Transfer Office. In this case, the public defence of the completed PhD thesis may be postponed, with the consent of the PhD candidate and the mentor, up to a maximum of one year from the submission of the completed PhD thesis for evaluation. A request for postponement of the public defence should be accompanied by a confirmation from the Technology Transfer Office.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION, EVALUATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PhD THESIS PROPOSAL

Article 40

(1) All PhD candidates may, immediately upon obtaining the student status in a PhD programme, and at the latest before the expiry of the first year of the PhD programme, submit to the Board for PhD Theses a request to initiate the procedure for attaining the academic degree of Doctor of Science and the PhD thesis proposal on the prescribed forms of the Board (that is, University forms adapted for the needs of the School), with the relevant additional documentation. The obligatory part of the additional documentation is a statement of the PhD candidate that theydid not register an identical PhD thesis proposal at another PhD programme of the University of Zagreb or of another university.
(2) Fulfilling the conditions from the study curriculum, the submitted PhD thesis proposal and the proposed mentor, who fulfils the conditions from Article 34 of these Regulations, are the conditions for enrolment in the second study year, and fulfilling the conditions from the study curriculum and the PhD thesis proposal accepted by the Faculty Council are the conditions for enrolment in the third study year.

Article 41

(1) The appropriate, completed forms for the submission of the PhD thesis proposal (DR.SC. 01A form) shall be submitted simultaneously to the Board for PhD Theses and the School's Ethics Committee (or to the relevant Ethics Committee Working Group), which is included in the process of review of the PhD thesis proposal.
(2) The Board for PhD Theses proposes to the Faculty Council the appointment of a committee to evaluate the PhD thesis proposal and to select a mentor. The Committee consists of three members (for PhD candidates in the field of biomedicine and health) or five members (for PhD candidates in other scientific fields), of whom at least one member of a three-member committee, or at least two members of a five-member committee, do not teach at the PhD programme and are not employees of the constituent unit that is the implementer of the programme, and are preferably employees of another Croatian or foreign university or related institution. When selecting committee members, the Board and the School are required to ensure that the members are the best experts (most competent to evaluate the PhD thesis proposal in question) and that any conflict of interest is avoided. A member may be:
a) a person employed at least in the scientific-teaching position of assistant professor,
b) a person employed at least in the scientific position of research associate,
c) a person holding a titular appointment, or an appointment obtained abroad, equivalent to the appointment referred to in sub-items a. and b. of this item,
d) a distinguished scientist with the academic degree of Doctor of Science. Such a proposal must be explained in accordance with the general act of the implementer of the programme.
(3) The proposed mentor and co-mentor cannot be members of the committees for the evaluation and public discussion of the PhD thesis proposal, nor for the evaluation and defence of the completed PhD thesis.
(4) A PhD thesis proposal is presented at a public discussion. The mentor, PhD candidate, members of the expert Committee, a representative of the Ethics Committee, members of the Board for PhD Theses and other interested members of the academic community participate in the public discussion. All comments and suggestions made during the public discussion shall be recorded in the form provided for that purpose (Form DR.SC.02), which shall also include the final evaluation report of the PhD thesis proposal. Exceptionally, when a member of the

Committee, for justified reasons, is unable to attend the defence of the PhD thesis proposal, that member may be allowed to participate remotely, provided that theyis not the chairperson of the Committee.
(5) The Committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal makes the evaluation and submits a proposal on the University form no later than 90 days from the date of its appointment. If the Committee returns the PhD thesis proposal to the PhD candidate for correction, it has an additional 30 days from the moment of receipt of the corrected proposal to make the evaluation and submit the proposal to the Board for PhD Theses. The evaluation and the proposal are made by a majority vote of the Committee. Each member of the Committee has the right to a separate evaluation and proposal.
(6) The Committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal in its report to the Board for PhD Theses proposes:
a) acceptance of the PhD thesis proposal with an explicit statement of the original scientific or artistic contribution achieved, or
b) correction of the PhD thesis proposal and the final evaluation, or
c) rejection of the PhD thesis proposal.
Explanation is an obligatory part of the report.
(7) The report from the public discussion (form DR.SC.02) and the corrected PhD thesis proposal (form DR.SC.01B) shall be submitted to the Board for PhD Theses no later than six months after the public discussion. If the report and the corrected PhD thesis proposal are not submitted within the prescribed deadline, the public discussion of the PhD thesis proposal is repeated. Based on the final report from the public discussion (form DR.SC.02) and the submitted corrected PhD thesis proposal (form DR.SC.01B), the Board for PhD Theses submits to the Faculty Council a proposal to accept or reject the PhD thesis proposal and to appoint a mentor (and a co-mentor, if necessary).
(8) The Faculty Council must make a statement on the proposal of the Committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal and for proposing a mentor at its first next session after the proposal is submitted, and at the latest until the enrolment of the PhD candidate in the fifth semester, that is, the third study year.
(9) The Council for the Field of Biomedicine of the University of Zagreb proposes the research proposal and the mentor to be adopted by the University Senate. The Senate approves the research proposal and the mentor at its first next session after the proposal is submitted.
(10) All scientific research on or with humans or animals must be in accordance with regulations, with the approval of the School's Ethics Committee, as well as of the institution where the research is conducted, and with the consent of all participants individually, if they are able to give it, or of their authorized representatives or legal representatives.

PROCEDURE FOR THE EVALUATION AND DEFENCE OF THE COMPLETED PhD THESIS

Article 42

(1) A PhD candidate initiates the process of evaluating the completed PhD thesis by submitting unbound printed copies of the PhD thesis, a digital copy of the PhD thesis, the PhD candidate's declaration of originality and a written approval and opinion of the mentor on the conducted research and the original scientific contribution achieved, in the School's Registration office with the designation "For the Board for PhD Theses". If the mentor does not wish to give their approval, the PhD candidate is obliged to inform the Board for PhD Theses about this, which will then send a letter to the mentor that theyis to make a written statement with the explanation about it within 15 days. In both cases, the mentor's explanation is provided to the members of

the committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis, and they take it into consideration during their evaluation.
(2) Prior to submitting the thesis to the evaluation process, the PhD candidate is required to fulfil the relevant obligations prescribed by the curriculum, i.e. must submit evidence that theyhas passed all the exams of the enrolled courses with a positive grade and that their scientific activity has been positively evaluated. Before the PhD thesis is referred to the evaluation process, the format of writing and the accompanying documentation of the PhD thesis are checked. For the evaluation of the PhD thesis, the PhD candidate attaches the thesis in electronic form.
(3) If the PhD thesis is formatted according to the Scandinavian model, the PhD candidate attaches to the thesis evidence (including bibliographic data) of how the set of scientific papers combined in the PhD thesis fulfils the qualifying conditions from Article
(4) On the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses, the Faculty Council appoints a committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis, which has three or five members, of whom at least one for a three-member committee and at least two for a five-member committee do not teach at the PhD programme and are not employees of the School, and are preferably employees of another university in the Republic of Croatia or abroad or of a related institution. Neither the mentor nor the co-mentor can be a member of the Committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis.
(5) Immediately after the appointment of the committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis, the implementer of the programme publishes the title and the abstract of the thesis in Croatian and English on its website.
(6) The members of the committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis and all others who ex officio (or as associates on the project) have access to the completed PhD thesis are obliged to treat all data and insights from the thesis as confidential until the evaluation is published, in order to protect the scientific contribution of the PhD thesis and intellectual property.
(7) The committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis is obliged to submit to the Board for PhD Theses a written and signed report with the evaluation of the PhD thesis within 90 days from its appointment. Each member of the committee has the right to submit a separate opinion and evaluation.
(8) The committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis may propose in its report:
(a) that the PhD thesis is accepted,
(b) to return the thesis to be completed and corrected and then resubmitted for evaluation within six months (depending on the planned scope of the completions and corrections), or
(c) to reject the PhD thesis, after which the PhD candidate loses the right to attain the academic degree of Doctor of Science in that PhD programme.
Explanation of the committee's opinion is an obligatory part of the report.
(9) At its first next session after the report is submitted, the Board for PhD Theses makes a decision on the report of the committee for the evaluation of the thesis, which may be:
(a) acceptance of the positive report, after which the Committee for the defence of the thesis is appointed;
(b) acceptance of the report of the Committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis requesting correction of the PhD thesis, after which, when the PhD candidate submits the corrected thesis, the evaluation procedure is carried out again before the Committee of the same composition that submitted the report on the correction of the thesis;
(c) acceptance of the negative report, after which the PhD candidate loses the right to attain the doctorate of science in that study programme;
(d) non-acceptance of the Committee's report, after which the evaluation procedure of the PhD thesis is repeated.

(10) If the Committee returns the PhD thesis proposal to the PhD candidate for correction, it has an additional 30 days from the moment of receipt of the corrected proposal to make the evaluation and submit a written report to the Board for PhD Theses.
(11) After the acceptance of the report on the positive evaluation of the thesis, the implementer of the PhD programme is obliged to make the PhD thesis available to the public by publishing it on its website at least 30 days before the date of the defence, except in the cases prescribed by Article 46a of these Regulations.

Article 43

If the results of the PhD research include an innovation suitable for the protection of intellectual property rights, the PhD candidate and the mentor may inform the implementer of the programme thereof. In that case, the PhD candidate may, with the mentor's consent, before submitting the PhD thesis for evaluation, request on the University form that the submitted PhD thesis be treated as confidential until the moment of the public defence, and the implementer of the programme may, before the publication, take the necessary steps for the legal protection of such intellectual creations in accordance with the Rules on Intellectual Property Management at the University of Zagreb. If this request is approved, the period from the moment of approval of the request until the need for postponement of the public defence ceases is not counted towards the duration of study.

Article 44

(1) Before submitting the completed PhD thesis, the PhD candidate is obliged to submit to the Board for PhD Theses and the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates the evidence that they have fulfilled all the obligations prescribed by the curriculum, which include the following conditions:
a) that on the basis of their scientific activity during the PhD programme they have accumulated 60 ECTS credits according to the valid list of credits, and
b) that, as a co-author with the mentor or co-mentor of their PhD thesis, they have published (or had accepted for publication) at least one paper from the PhD thesis proposal in which they are the first author, and that the paper is published in a scientific journal indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection.
(2) The committee for the defence of the completed PhD thesis may have the same members as the committee for the evaluation of the completed thesis, but the Faculty Council is obliged to appoint one substitute member based on the proposal of the Board for PhD Theses.
(3) After the acceptance of the report on the positive evaluation of the thesis, the implementer of the PhD programme is obliged to make the PhD thesis available to the public by publishing it on its website at least 30 days before the date of the defence, except in cases involving an innovation suitable for the protection of intellectual property rights.

Article 45

(1) PhD candidates whose PhD thesis proposal has been accepted and whose mentor has been appointed are obliged, no earlier than 15 days and no later than four years from the date of acceptance of the PhD thesis proposal by the Senate of the University of Zagreb, or no later than six years after the date of enrolment in the PhD programme, to initiate the process of evaluation of the completed PhD thesis in the manner described in Article 46 of these Regulations.

(2) Upon expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the PhD candidate is obliged to:

- regulate the student status;
- submit the request for re-evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal.

(3) Upon receipt of the PhD candidate's request for re-evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal, the Board for PhD Theses appoints the Committee for re-evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal.
(4) The Committee is obliged to give its opinion within 30 days from the receipt of the PhD candidate's request, which may be:

- that the topic of the PhD thesis is relevant and the PhD candidate may continue with writing the PhD thesis, or
- that the topic is not relevant and it is required to initiate the procedure for re-evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal according to the provisions of these Regulations and the conditions valid at the time of re-submission of the thesis proposal.

HONORARY DOCTORATE

Article 46

Persons of exceptional reputation who have contributed by their work to the advancement of the University and of Croatian and/or world science, art and culture may be awarded an honorary doctorate by the University pursuant to the provisions of the University Statute.

PROCEDURE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENCE OF THE COMPLETED PhD THESIS

Article 47

(1) The PhD candidate may proceed to the defence of the PhD thesis after the competent body accepts the report on the positive evaluation of the PhD thesis, no earlier than 31 days and no later than 60 days from the publication of the thesis on the website.
(2) The defence of the PhD thesis is public. An invitation to the public defence must be published on the School's website at least 8 days before the defence. The PhD candidate is required to submit the prescribed number of bound copies of the PhD thesis and its digital version for publication on the School's website at least 8 days before the defence. The defence must take place at the premises of the School and/or its teaching facilities, in the language in which the PhD thesis was written. In the case of joint or dual doctorates, the defence may be held at another university. The defence procedure shall be determined in accordance with the Rules on International Dual PhD Theses of the University of Zagreb.
(3) Exceptionally, when a member of the Committee, for justified reasons, is unable to attend the defence of the PhD thesis proposal, that member may be allowed to participate remotely. The exception does not apply to the chairperson of the Committee.
(4) The committee for the defence of the PhD thesis makes the evaluation by a majority vote of its members after a successful defence. Defence scores can be rite, cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude. The score takes into account the success of the defence of the thesis and the number of original scientific papers from the field of the PhD thesis published or accepted for publication in journals indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and/or Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) which are a part of the Web of Science Core Collection, as well as the rank of the journal (quartile Q1–Q4) in the year of publication of the paper in the InCites Journal Citation Reports (WoS) database, as follows:

- for the score summa cum laude, after the successful defence of the doctorate, the PhD candidate must have at least two papers in the SCI-EXPANDED or SSCI database

within quartile 1 (Q1), of which theyis the first author in at least one, and the mentor is one of the authors;
- for the score magna cum laude, the PhD candidate has at least one paper in the SCI-EXPANDED or SSCI database within quartile 1 (Q1), of which theyis the first author in at least one, and the mentor is one of the authors, and has successfully defended the doctorate;
- for the score cum laude, the PhD candidate has at least one paper in the SCI-EXPANDED or SSCI database within quartile 2 (Q2), of which theyis the first author in at least one, and the mentor is one of the authors, and has successfully defended the doctorate;
- for the score rite, the PhD candidate has at least one paper in the SCI-EXPANDED or SSCI database within quartile 3 (Q3) or quartile 4 (Q4), of which theyis the first author in at least one, and the mentor is one of the authors, and has successfully defended the doctorate.

If there were errors and problems during the defence of the PhD thesis, the score may be lowered.
(5) Minutes of the defence procedure shall be taken in the language in which the PhD thesis is written (i.e. in Croatian or in English). The minutes of the defence of the PhD thesis must be submitted to the Board for PhD Theses within one month from the public defence of the PhD thesis.
(6) The public defence of the completed PhD thesis can be held only once.

PUBLISHING AND STORAGE OF THE COMPLETED PhD THESIS

Article 48

(1) The PhD thesis shall be published in its entirety on the website of the School's Central Medical Library no later than one month after the successful completion of the public defence.
(2) The PhD thesis in hard copy is stored in the School's Central Medical Library, the National and University Library and in the archives of the University of Zagreb. The PhD thesis must obligatorily and permanently be published in the public online database of university theses of the National and University Library at the latest one month after the defence.
(3) If, in order to obtain protection by a patent, an industrial design or another industrial property right, in accordance with the special regulations governing industrial property rights, it is necessary to temporarily keep the content or part of the content of the PhD thesis confidential, the PhD candidate may request the postponement of the publication referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article until the conditions for obtaining the appropriate protection by an industrial property right are met or until the need for keeping it confidential ceases.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

Article 49

(1) The PhD candidate gains all the prescribed rights of a doctor of science on the day of successful defence of the PhD thesis, and the full rights of the academic degree and the diploma after making a pledge at the graduation ceremony and signing in the register of Doctors of Science or Art.
(2) The PhD candidate must fill in the University form for the graduation ceremony to the degree of Doctor of Science within 15 days of a successful public defence of the completed PhD thesis and cover the costs of graduation.

(3) The diploma of the doctor of science is awarded by the Rector of the University of Zagreb at a graduation ceremony, which the PhD candidate is obliged to attend in person or by an authorized representative, who must hold the degree of doctor of science or art.
(4) The PhD diploma is a public document confirming that the PhD candidate has completed a particular programme and has acquired the right to the academic degree in accordance with the Law.
(5) If the diploma is issued after the completion of a joint programme, it shall contain the full name and seat, as well as the signatures of the heads and the seals, of all higher education institutions participating in the implementation of the joint programme, and other data from the regulations on the form and content of diplomas, in accordance with the possibility of their application under the national regulations on the form and content of diplomas of the states of the foreign higher education institutions implementing the joint programme.
(6) The number of ECTS credits prescribed by the study programme is entered in the diploma.

ENSURING THE QUALITY OF PhD PROGRAMMES

Article 50

(1) The Council for Postgraduate Programmes is obliged to provide detailed records of the research work and other completed study obligations of each PhD candidate, including the plan of obligations (creation of the PhD candidate's portfolio). The Council also, with the assistance and the support of the Board for PhD Theses, looks after the workload and performance of the mentors. The Board for PhD Theses keeps a record for each mentor of the number of PhD candidates accepted and the number of PhD candidates who successfully defended their PhD thesis under their guidance.
(2) The Council for Postgraduate Programmes, with the assistance of the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates and its associated working body, conducts annual self-evaluation on the basis of the annual reports of the mentors and PhD candidates, and sends a report on its work to the Faculty Council and the University, using the appropriate form of the University adapted for the needs of the School.
(3) The annual self-evaluation reports shall be attached to the request for re-accreditation.
(4) The evaluation criteria include: scientific production of the teaching staff and PhD candidates, courses, relevance and quality of PhD theses, statistical indicators of duration of study, statistical indicators of the annual number of new doctors of science in relation to the number of PhD candidates, and international cooperation achieved.

TASKS OF THE COUNCIL FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Article 51

The Council for Postgraduate Programmes, alongside the authorities established by the Statute, also performs the following tasks:

- ensures the equal quality of the curricula of PhD programmes and university specialist programmes;
- prepares standards and procedures for the evaluation of postgraduate programmes;
- evaluates and assesses the activities of students during their PhD programmes and specialist programmes and determines the credit value of study contents according to the curriculum;
- initiates calls for applications for the enrolment of students in PhD programmes and university specialist programmes;

- proposes directors of postgraduate programmes as well as course leaders at postgraduate programmes.

Article 52

The Council for Postgraduate Programmes decides on all issues regarding postgraduate programmes within the scope of its competence, and its decisions are confirmed by the Faculty Council. The appropriate provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Faculty Council of the School of Medicine shall be applied to the work of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes.

DIRECTORS, DEPUTIES AND ASSISTANTS OF PhD PROGRAMMES

Article 53

(1) Each PhD programme has a programme director, appointed by the Faculty Council and the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, with the approval of the Dean. The programme director is appointed for a period of three years, and the same person may be re-appointed as programme director.
(2) The programme director has the right to nominate their deputy and one or more assistants from the ranks of teaching staff elected to scientific-teaching positions who actively participate in the implementation of the curriculum. The programme director, deputies and/or assistants are appointed by the Faculty Council on the basis of a motion of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes.
(3) The programme director may nominate members of the International Council from the ranks of eminent international experts.
(4) The International Council has an advisory role regarding the organization and functioning of the programme.
(5) The members of the International Council shall be appointed by the Faculty Council on the basis of a motion of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes for a period of three years.

Article 54

A programme director has the following rights and obligations:
- is a member of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes,
- is a member of the Board for PhD Theses,
- organizes the programme and is responsible for the implementation of the curriculum,
- proposes a plan for implementation of the curriculum,
- convenes and chairs the meetings of the course leaders of the relevant programme,
- convenes and chairs the meetings of PhD candidates' mentors,
- holds a meeting with all the students of the relevant programme at least once a semester,
- advises students on their choice of optional courses and gives approval for their choice,
- proposes amendments to the curriculum,
- submits annual reports on the courses held to the Council for Postgraduate Programmes and the Faculty Council,
- performs other tasks pursuant to the provisions of the School's Statute, these Regulations and the decisions of the School's management bodies.

Article 55

The Deputy and/or Assistant of the programme director have the following rights and obligations:

- draws up a weekly and semester schedule of courses in agreement with the programme director,
- participates in drawing up a plan for implementation of the curriculum,
- submits monthly reports on courses held,
- is responsible for teaching materials and teaching aids,
- maintains permanent and direct contact with PhD candidates,
- performs other tasks pursuant to the provisions of the School's Statute, these Regulations and the decisions of the School's management bodies.

BOARD FOR PhD THESES

Article 56

(1) The Board for PhD Theses is a permanent expert committee of the Faculty Council, which harmonizes the criteria and coordinates the activities in the process of attaining the academic degree of Doctor of Science from the moment of the registration of the PhD thesis proposal up to the public defence of the completed PhD thesis and the graduation ceremony.
(2) The Board for PhD Theses shall adopt the Rules of Procedure governing its work and the method of decision-making.

BOARD FOR EVALUATION OF POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Article 57

(1) The Board for Evaluation of Postgraduate Programmes is a permanent expert committee of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, which coordinates activities and harmonizes standards in the process of designing curricula and evaluating postgraduate programmes. The members of the Board for Evaluation of Postgraduate Programmes are appointed by the Faculty Council on the basis of a motion of the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies and with the approval of the Dean. The provisions of these Regulations relating to the Board for PhD Theses shall be applied appropriately in the work of the Board for Evaluation of Postgraduate Programmes.
(2) One member of the Board must be from the leadership (director or assistants) of each PhD programme.

BOARD FOR EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY OF PhD CANDIDATES

Article 58

(1) The Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates is a permanent expert committee of the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, which coordinates the activities and harmonizes the criteria in the process of evaluating the scientific activity of PhD candidates and mentors. The Board evaluates whether the conditions for the submission of the completed PhD thesis have been fulfilled, as referred to in Articles 22 and 47 of these Regulations.

(2) The members of the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates are appointed by the Faculty Council on the basis of a motion of the Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies and with the approval of the Dean.
(3) The provisions of these Regulations relating to the Board for PhD Theses shall be applied appropriately in the work of the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates.
(4) One member of the Board must be from the leadership (director or assistants) of each PhD programme. The Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates may appoint an associated Working Body, which has the role of conducting the self-evaluation on the basis of the annual reports of mentors and PhD candidates, upon which it submits a report on its work to the Board for Evaluation of Scientific Activity of PhD Candidates and the Council for Postgraduate Programmes, using the appropriate form of the University adapted for the needs of the School.

EXPERT COMMITTEES IN THE PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION, EVALUATION AND DEFENCE OF THE PhD THESIS

Article 59

(1) On the basis of a proposal of the Board for PhD Theses, the Faculty Council appoints the following types of expert committees:
(a) Committee for the evaluation of the PhD thesis proposal,
(b) Committee for the evaluation of the completed PhD thesis,
(c) Committee for the public defence of the completed PhD thesis.
(2) On the basis of the report of the expert committee and the proposal of the Board for PhD Theses, the Faculty Council may:
(a) decide to accept the report and the proposal and to permit the PhD candidate to work on the proposed PhD thesis, or to defend the completed PhD thesis (when the report and the proposal are positive), or to have the report and the proposal of the expert committee corrected or supplemented, or to reject the PhD thesis proposal or the completed thesis (when the report and the proposal are negative);
(b) conclude that the report and the proposal do not represent a valid ground for acceptance of the PhD thesis proposal or the completed thesis, and appoint additional members of the expert committee or dismiss the existing one and appoint a new expert committee;
(c) on the basis of a proposal of the Board, dismiss the existing and appoint a new expert committee, when, due to the exceeding of the prescribed deadlines or other omissions of the existing expert committee, an unjustified delay or complete halt in the procedure has occurred.

Article 60

In the procedure of attaining the academic degree of Doctor of Science, the members of the expert committees may not be:
a) persons who are related to the PhD candidate (by blood or kinship, e.g. father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, brother or sister, husband or wife);
b) persons who share common financial and other material interests with the PhD candidate (e.g. co-authorship or co-ownership of a patent).

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Article 61

(1) The Quality Assurance Committee operates at the School, monitoring the implementation and improvement of the quality assurance system in accordance with European and international standards.
(2) The Committee analyses and evaluates the quality of PhD programmes, monitors the success of PhD candidates and mentors, and proposes measures for the improvement of study programmes.
(3) The Committee submits an annual report to the Council for Postgraduate Programmes and the Faculty Council.

THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR REVOKING THE ACADEMIC DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Article 62

(1) If the academic degree of Doctor of Science or Doctor of Arts was attained contrary to the prescribed conditions for its attainment, or if plagiarism or conduct in research contrary to ethical principles is established, the awarded academic degree may be revoked from the person (hereinafter: the respondent) in the procedure prescribed by the University for such cases.
(2) The revocation of the academic degree of Doctor of Science or Doctor of Arts is carried out according to the following procedure:
1. The complainant submits a complaint to the University. The University delivers to the implementer of the PhD programme the received complaint, which contains the explained proposal of the complainant and evidence that the PhD thesis is plagiarism or a forgery, and then requests a statement from the implementer of the programme.
2. The competent body of the implementer of the programme decides on the explained statement with the proposal of a decision on revoking or not revoking the academic degree at a session at which the presence and the statement of the complainant and the respondent are enabled.
3. The implementer of the PhD programme submits the requested statement to the University within 120 days from the receipt of the complaint.
4. The Rector appoints an ad hoc committee for revoking the doctorate of science or doctorate of arts, which submits a report on the justification of the complaint within 60 days from its appointment. On the basis of the report of the ad hoc committee, the Rector proposes to the Senate to render a decision on revoking the doctorate of science or doctorate of arts and all the rights arising from it, or to render a decision on rejecting the complaint.
5. The Senate renders the decision on revoking the doctorate of science or doctorate of arts. The decision of the Senate on revoking the doctorate of science or doctorate of arts is accompanied by documentation containing:
   - data on the respondent,
   - the proposal of the competent body of the implementer of the PhD programme,
   - the Rector's decision on the appointment of the members of the ad hoc committee for revoking the attained academic degree,
   - the report of the ad hoc committee.

6. If the Senate renders a decision on revoking the academic degree of Doctor of Science or Doctor of Arts, the Rector shall annul the diploma of the doctorate of science or doctorate of arts no later than 30 days from the date of the Senate's decision.
7. The decision on revoking the academic degree of Doctor of Science or Doctor of Arts is entered in the University's Register of Doctors of Science and Art. The diploma of the academic degree of Doctor of Science or Doctor of Arts is annulled by placing an annulment clause on it. The person whose academic degree has been revoked is obliged to return the diploma to the University.

8. With the revocation of the academic degree, the rights for whose attainment the doctorate of science was one of the conditions are also lost.
9. In the procedure for revoking the academic degree, the committees and the Senate are obliged to act in accordance with the regulations on the copyright protection of written scientific or artistic works.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF STUDENTS CREATED IN FULFILLING STUDY OBLIGATIONS

Article 63

(1) PhD candidates are obliged to inform the School of their intellectual creations (copyright works, subject matter of related rights, inventions, technical improvements, knowledge and experience and other subject matter protected as industrial property) which they create, as well as of data resulting from scientific and professional research (including surveys, public opinion polls, etc.) that students conduct in fulfilling their obligations in the programme conducted by the School, if they assess that such intellectual creations and/or data can be successfully commercially exploited, and if they were created as follows:
• in fulfilling obligations in classes, seminars, practical work, clinics, scientific papers, etc.;
• in a scientific research or project carried out by the School or a legal entity affiliated with the School as the provider, co-provider and/or organizer;
• in a scientific research or project carried out wholly or mainly in laboratories and/or other premises of the School or of legal entities affiliated with it and/or with the use, wholly or mainly, of the equipment, instruments, materials, tools, samples, other means or technology of the School or of legal entities affiliated with it;
• in a scientific research or project financed wholly or mainly from public funds designated by the Government of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Science and Education or other ministries of the Republic of Croatia, or transferred from the state budget of the Republic of Croatia through foundations, agencies, etc.;
• in a scientific research or project wholly or mainly organized, implemented and/or financed by funds from the programmes and funds of the European Union and from international programmes and projects.
(2) Students are obliged to send the notification on intellectual creations and data to the School in writing no later than 30 days from the date of completion of the research or of the creation of the copyright work, subject matter of related rights, design or subject matter protected by industrial property rights.
Article 64
(1) If students create an intellectual creation referred to in Article 68 of these Regulations together with other persons, including mentors, students of the School, external associates and other persons, they are obliged to regulate mutual relations with these persons in writing at the latest upon creation of the intellectual creation, especially with regard to the contribution of each individual creator to the creation of the intellectual creation.
(2) Students are obliged to submit the written document referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article to the School together with the notification referred to in Article 68 of these Regulations.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND DATA

Article 65

(1) PhD candidates are obliged to offer the School, without special compensation, the acquisition of rights to intellectual creations protected by industrial property (inventions, technical improvements, knowledge and experience, distinguishing marks, quality marks, etc.) and to the data required for their registration and/or commercial exploitation.
(2) If the School does not reply, or replies that it is not interested in the offer referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, within six months from the receipt of the notification and the offer, the students reserve all rights to these intellectual creations and data, without restriction.
(3) If the School, within six months from the receipt of the notification referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and the offer, proposes to the student to conclude a contract on the transfer of rights to the School or to the University, students are obliged to conclude such a contract without compensation. That contract will regulate the distribution of any gain from the commercial exploitation of that intellectual creation.
(4) Until the expiry of the deadlines referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, students are obliged to keep the intellectual creations and data in question secret and shall in no way disclose them to third parties or the public.
Article 66
(1) At the request of the School, students are obliged to hand over all materials, tools, resources and other objects necessary for the commercial exploitation of the intellectual creations and data in question.
(2) Students are obliged to authorize the School to use the intellectual creations and data for the purpose of further research and for educational and scientific purposes, in any case.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS

Article 67

(1) The PhD candidate acquires copyright by the very act of creating the PhD thesis.
(2) PhD theses are published in whole or in part, free of charge, on the websites of the School and/or the University for the purpose of informing the public and/or promoting the School and/or the University.
(3) Students are obliged, without special compensation, to establish for the School the rights of exploitation of copyright works and subject matter of related rights: the right to reproduce, distribute, communicate to the public (which includes making available to the public through the Internet) and the right to adapt. These rights are established as non-exclusive or exclusive, with no time and space limitations.
(4) The profit gained from the commercial exploitation of copyright works and subject matter of related rights belongs to the School, which is obliged to spend it on the improvement of its activities and the creation of new copyright works and subject matter of related rights.
(5) Students are obliged to submit the copyright works and subject matter of related rights to the School in an appropriate form.
(6) The School acquires the right of ownership of the submitted copies of the copyright work and subject matter of related rights. If the School makes a profit by selling the copies, it shall, after deducting the production costs invested by the School, divide it between the students and the School in proportion according to the provisions of the special regulations of the School governing the management of intellectual property.

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Article 68

(1) Personal data of students: names and surnames, personal identification number, personal photos, collective photos, videos and other prescribed personal data are collected and processed for the purposes of fulfilling legal obligations, the public interest and exercising the public authority of the School, and for the purpose of promotional activities on the School's website, in official promotional materials of the School, and in drafting a monograph of a generation of doctors of medicine graduating from the School in print and electronic form.
(2) By signing the study contract, students confirm that they are aware that their personal data are collected and processed in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation and the Law on Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation, and in accordance with the School's Data Protection Policy.
(3) Except for the purpose for which the consent was given, the personal data collected may not be used for any other purpose.
(4) The study contract and the student's statement are stored in the Office for Postgraduate Education of the School's Secretariat and filed in the student's file.
(5) Students have the right to withdraw the given consent and to request that further processing of personal data stop.
(6) When signing the study contract and the consent to the use of personal data, students are provided with all information by the School, in accordance with Article 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation and with the School's Data Protection Policy.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 69

(1) A PhD candidate who duly and regularly fulfils their student obligations has the right to complete the programme in accordance with the regulations that were in force at the time of enrolment.
(2) No provision of these Regulations may be applied or interpreted to the detriment of a PhD candidate who has acquired certain rights under the previous legal regulation.
(3) If the provisions of the legal regulation after the entry into force of these Regulations are more favourable for the PhD candidate, they shall be applied to them at their request, regardless of when the PhD candidate enrolled in the programme.
(4) For PhD candidates who enrolled in a PhD programme before the entry into force of the Regulations on Doctoral Studies at the University of Zagreb adopted by the Senate of the University of Zagreb on 20 April 2010, the deadline for the completion of studies expires on 30 September 2026.
(5) A PhD candidate may, in accordance with the general act of the School and with their explicit consent, be allowed to continue studies according to the newly established study programme. Exams that such a PhD candidate has passed in the existing PhD programme may also be recognized in the newly established programme, in accordance with the general act of the School. Other obligations, such as the registration of the research topic, the publication of a scientific paper or other conditions for the completion of studies, cannot be recognized.
(6) For candidates who submit a request for transfer no later than 20 June 2025 and who fulfil the conditions for transfer, the provisions on transfer from the Regulations on Postgraduate University (Doctoral) Studies (published in English as the Regulations on PhD Programmes; Class: 003-08/18-02/1, Reg. No.: 380-59-10101-18-4342/24) of 25 September 2018, with the related amendments and supplements, which were in force until the entry into force of these Regulations, shall exceptionally apply to enrolment in the academic year 2025/2026.
Article 70

(1) On the date these Regulations come into force, the following shall cease to apply: the Regulations on Postgraduate University (Doctoral) Studies of 25 September 2018, Class: 003-08/18-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-18-4342/24; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 30 October 2018, Class: 003-08/18-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-18-5855/4; the Decision on the Amendment to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 30 June 2020, Class: 003-08/20-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-20-2059/4; the Decision on the Amendment to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 29 September 2020, Class: 003-08/20-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-20-3254/2; the Decision on the Amendment to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 31 March 2021, Class: 003-08/21-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-21-1061/6; the Decision on the Supplement to the Regulations on Postgraduate (Doctoral) University Studies of 21 September 2021, Class: 003-08/21-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-21-3212/11; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 29 March 2022, Class: 003-08/22-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-22-1387/3; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 31 May 2022, Class: 003-08/22-02/1, No.: 380-59-10101-22-2250/8; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 26 September 2023, Class: 003-08/23-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-23-4237; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 28 November 2023, Class: 003-08/23-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-23-6306; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 27 February 2024, Class: 003-08/24-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-24-877; the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 23 April 2024, Class: 003-08/24-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-24-1627; and the Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulations on Postgraduate University Studies of 23 July 2024, Class: 003-08/24-02/1, No.: 251-59-10101-24-3080.
(2) These Regulations shall enter into force on the eighth day from the day they are displayed on the School's notice board.
(3) These Regulations were displayed on the School's notice board on 30 April 2025.
(4) This consolidated text of the Regulations was displayed on the School's notice board on 3 October 2025.

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