

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE START DATE OF THE PREDOCTORAL CONTRACT FOR BENEFICIARIES OF GRANTS ESTABLISHED IN THE "CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR DOCTORAL THESES IN THE INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY, NETWORK AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, EDUCATION AND ICT (E-LEARNING), HEALTH AND PSYCHOLOGY, AND HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES – 2020-2021" TO JOIN THE UOC

On 13 December 2019, the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) published the terms and conditions for the "Call for grant applications for doctoral theses in the Information and Knowledge Society, Network and Information Technologies, Education and ICT (E-learning), Health and Psychology, and Humanities and Communication doctoral programmes – 2020-2021" on the E-Services Portal's noticeboard and the UOC R&I website.

The aforementioned call for applications aims to foster the training of researchers in different UOC research groups, offering a total of twelve (12) grants for doctoral theses in the UOC doctoral programmes stipulated in the call, which will be formalized by the signing of a predoctoral contract whose initial duration is one (1) year, renewable to a maximum of three (3) years.

The aforementioned call for applications established a period from 13 December 2019 to 12 February 2020 for candidates to present their grant applications. Furthermore, article eight (8) of the aforementioned call for applications establishes that the UOC has until 15 May 2020 to publish its decision regarding the aforementioned applications on the UOC E-Services Portal's noticeboard and the UOC R&I website

Additional provision thirteen of Royal Decree Law 11/2020, of 31 March, adopting urgent supplementary social and economic measures to combat COVID-19, states that awarding bodies and organizations may issue all resolutions necessary to adapt the conditions for calls for research grant applications and may amend the terms and conditions of their execution and justification, as well as any other issues that might affect the implementation of contracts in their different forms and other items of expenditure due to the state of emergency and the application of the stipulations in the provision.

Consequently, changes have been made to the start date of the predoctoral contract and the date the beneficiaries will receive their doctoral thesis grants for the UOC doctoral programmes, as stated in article three (3) of the aforementioned terms and conditions. Therefore, the date for joining the UOC, by signing the predoctoral contract, will now be 1 December 2020. In all cases, the start date for the predoctoral contract for beneficiaries who do not have the corresponding residence permit will be conditional to the obtainment thereof.

In view of all the aforementioned,

I HEREBY RESOLVE

One. To modify the date for joining the UOC, by signing the corresponding predoctoral contract, and the date on which the beneficiaries are awarded their grants, as stipulated in the aforementioned terms and conditions, with the new date being **1 December 2020**.

The date of joining the UOC for beneficiaries who do not have the corresponding Spanish residence permit will be conditional to the obtainment thereof.

The duration of the predoctoral contract will remain as stipulated in article nine (9) of the aforementioned terms and conditions.

Two. To publish this decision on the UOC E-Services Portal's noticeboard and the UOC R&I website.

Signed,

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