

# I want to make an international doctoral degree, what is it?



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Article 15. International doctoral degree and thesis with international co-supervision.

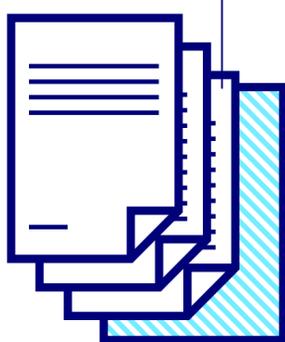
**1** Students may be awarded an **"international doctoral degree"**, if the following requirements are met:



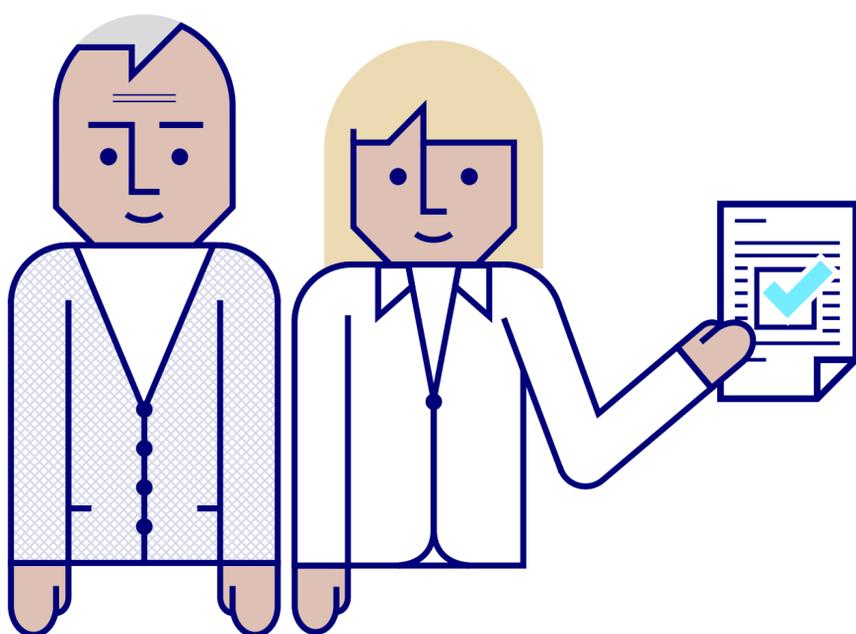
**a)** During the period of study required for the doctoral degree, **they have spent at least three months outside Spain at a leading research centre or higher education institution** to conduct research or further their studies.



The stay and the activities **must be endorsed by the supervisor and authorized by the Academic Committee**, and they must be included in the student's activity report.



**b)** Part of the doctoral thesis (at least the abstract and the conclusions) **must be written and presented in one of the languages commonly used for scientific communication in the field in question, a language other than Spanish or the co-official languages of Spain**. This requirement shall not be applied to stays, reports or experts in or from Spanish-speaking countries.



**c)** The thesis must include input from **at least two experts (with PhDs) from a research centre or higher education institution** outside Spain.



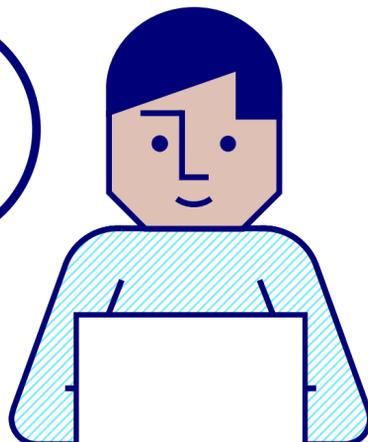
Thesis examination panel

**d)** At least **one expert (with a PhD)** from a research centre or higher education institution outside Spain, and not the person responsible for the stay mentioned in paragraph a), **must form part of the thesis examination panel**.

**2** The doctoral degree certificate will state on the reverse side: **"Thesis co-supervised with the University of X"**, if the following requirements are met:



**a)** The thesis is supervised by two or more **supervisors (with PhDs) from two universities, one Spanish and one from outside Spain**. There must be a co-supervision agreement signed by the two universities.



**b)** During the period of study required for the doctoral degree, **the student has spent at least six months (in one or more stays) conducting research at the institution the co-supervision agreement is signed with**. Any stays and activities must be included in the activity report.

