

# Doctoral School grant guidelines

## Scope

These guidelines apply to UOC research staff members who have signed a predoctoral contract, pursuant to the provisions of Spanish Royal Decree 103/2019, of 1 March, approving the Statute of predoctoral research staff in training (BOE no. 64, 15 March 2019).

Consequently, these guidelines are not applicable to research assistants, part-time staff, UOC staff who are working on their doctoral thesis, etc.

## Predocutorial study expenses

During preparation of their thesis, predoctoral students must pay the following expenses, among others:

- [D1] Fees for supervision, tutoring and continuous assessment of the doctoral thesis.
- [D2] Fees for administrative management of the academic record.
- [D3] Fees for the credits related with their training plan, learning resources and learning support services.
- [D4] Fees for oral examination and defence of their thesis.
- [D5] Fees for issuing the degree certificate.
- [D6] Mobility.

## Expenses covered by the Doctoral School

The UOC has a grant programme associated with the Doctoral School for trainee researcher contracts. The Doctoral School covers the expenses listed in the previous section (D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6) for six semesters.

## Expenses covered by other competitive grants

The Doctoral School covers the expenses of the following competitive grants:

- FI: Catalan Department of Universities (DGU) researcher training.  
The FI grant covers the following expenses: D1 and D3.

The following expense is covered from the Doctoral School's budget: D2. In addition, the Doctoral School pays a supplement to the predoctoral researchers who have been awarded the UOC Grant beforehand, with the goal of achieving parity between the two grants.

- FPU: University faculty training.  
The FPU grant does not cover any of the expenses included in the section "Predoctoral study expenses".  
The following expenses are covered from the Doctoral School's budget: D1, D2 and D3 (up to a maximum of 30 credits and for a maximum of 3 years).
- FPI: Research staff training.  
The FPI grant covers the following expenses: D1, D2, D3 and D6.  
No other additional expenses are covered by the Doctoral School.
- ITN-MSCA: Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme.  
Expenses D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are covered by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme or by the student.  
No other additional expenses are covered by the Doctoral School.
- DI: Industrial doctorate.  
Expenses D1, D2, D3, and D6 are covered by the Industrial Doctorates Plan or by the student.  
No other additional expenses are covered by the Doctoral School.

The expenses of any other grant or support not mentioned in this document are the responsibility of the student or the research project/fund that is supporting the student. We advise principal investigators to budget for these expenses wherever possible in their project proposals.

The fees for teaching- and non-teaching-related academic services, as set forth in the Decree fixing the price of academic services provided by the public universities of Catalonia and by the UOC, only allow entitlement to the rebates/exemptions provided in said Decree if, on the date of commencement of academic activity, the applicant meets the conditions that give such entitlement, namely: (i) beneficiaries of State grants, (ii) large families, (iii) distinctions and special awards, (iv) disabled people, (v) victims of terrorism, etc.