UOC Doctoral School

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The Doctoral School has coordinated the UOC's PhD programmes since 2014, adopting the university's strategy to provide the optimal ecosystem for innovative, interdisciplinary, translational and top-notch research training.

The school is part of the UOC's Interdisciplinary R&I Hub, where it collaborates with the university's research centres and faculties. Although located in central Barcelona, the Hub is accessible to the global community online, just like the UOC.

460 PhD students

women **48%** — men **52%**

21% Full-time and on-site — **79%** Part-time and online

51 research groups

9 online PhD programmes

59 research lines

List of research lines

420 thesis supervisors

PhD holders **39** nationalities

PhD students **55** nationalities

International research stays at **79** universities in **28** countries

List of universities

"Science makes us more competitive. And if it's open, it's the best tool for fighting disinformation, generating trust and advancing knowledge."

Dr. Àngels Fitó
President of the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

265 PhD theses defended

women **45%** — men **55%**

21 industrial PhD projects

*grants from the government for PhDs in industry

Over **185** predoctoral grants have enabled students from all over the world to do their PhDs.

200 Open access theses

Testimonials

"The doctoral school offers an interdisciplinary environment for training early stage researchers to solve complex problems"

Dr. David Masip, Director of the Doctoral School

"One of the most exciting journeys in my life"

Dr. Nikolaos Floratos (Greece)
Education and ICT (e-learning), PhD

"Great institute, excellent doctoral school supervisors, and a lovely city to live in. Overall a remarkable experience that allowed me to grow academically, professionally, and personally"

Dr. Amna Qureshi (Pakistan)
Network and Information Technologies, PhD

"The PhD enables me to continue working on impactful digital health interventions for resource-limited settings"

Dr. Paul Macharia (Kenya)
Network and Information Technologies, PhD

"The academic support system at the UOC is great, with many funding and training opportunities for PhD students"

Dr. Sarah Wagner (Canada)
Information and Knowledge Society, PhD

"I felt driven and supported in my professional growth as a researcher, but I also felt that I was looked after as a person. The programme and the guidance are both comprehensive and personal"

Dr. Andrea del Carmen Corres (Mexico)
Information and Knowledge Society, Phd