

Guidelines for PhD Students and Supervisors

The following guidelines outline the roles and responsibilities of PhD students, supervisors, and co-supervisors, in accordance with the [European Charter for Researchers](#), the National Regulations and the University Regulations concerning the PhD program.

PhD Student

During the PhD program, the student acquires the necessary skills to become an independent researcher. The PhD student is expected to implement their personal potential and develop the required professionalism, while pursuing the objectives and commitments related to their research project.

The PhD program requires full-time and constant commitment. Any extracurricular activities must be submitted for approval by the Academic Board, which will assess their compatibility with the educational, teaching, and research activities of the PhD program.

Among its responsibilities, the Academic Board assesses each PhD student's attendance, performance, and research progress, deciding on their admission to continue their studies or their exclusion.

Each PhD student is assigned a Supervisor and a Co-Supervisor by the Academic Board of the PhD Program. They are responsible for guiding and supporting the PhD student in their research activities, helping them to produce scientific works, achieve academic and professional goals, and integrate into research networks.

The supervisor/co-supervisor participates in the evaluation of the PhD student's activities, including the selection of the doctoral thesis topic, the methods and timelines for study and research abroad, and the PhD student's requests to undertake other work activities.

The PhD student must conform with the principles of proper data management and the privacy regulations of the University of Foggia. They are committed to defining and exploring the scientific issues related to their research project, developing a research methodology, interpreting and analyzing the results obtained, and adopting a critical approach.

It is expected that each PhD student will carry out research and training activities in prestigious institutions abroad. They may also undertake tutoring and supplementary teaching activities with prior authorization from the Academic Board.

The PhD student respects the intellectual property rights related to the research results, preserves and respects the materials made available to them, and makes the data derived from their research available upon request.

The PhD student commits, under the guidance of the supervisor and co-supervisor, to adhering to the established research program and participating in the training and teaching activities required of the PhD program, with the purpose of completing the required activities within the set deadlines.

PhD students are guaranteed representation within the Academic Board by a PhD student elected by those enrolled in the PhD program.

Supervisor/co-supervisor

The supervisor/co-supervisor is a professor/researcher with experience and expertise in the research field of the PhD student assigned to them. They play a stimulating, coordinating, and evaluative role for the PhD student, fostering the acquisition of essential research skills.

Regular, formal and informal contact between the PhD student and the supervisor/co-supervisor is essential for the successful outcome of the research project.

The main tasks of the supervisor/co-supervisor, in collaboration with the Academic Board, include assisting in the implementation and development of the research project, analyzing and interpreting the results, encouraging active participation in scientific events, and promoting the publication of the PhD student's scientific works.

The supervisor/co-supervisor ensures that the study and research environment adheres to ethical and scientific standards and can take action to address any potential problems.