

INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE¹

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Doctoral degree certificates may include the words "Industrial Doctorate" on the front, provided that the doctoral student has participated in an industrial research or experimental development project that is directly related to the doctoral thesis and carried out in a private or public sector company or in a government agency, which cannot be a university. There must also be an employment or commercial contract between the doctoral student and the company or government agency.

In addition to the usual procedures, doctoral students must also fulfil the following requirements if they are to receive this industrial doctorate distinction:

- a) The doctoral student must tell the Doctoral Programme Academic Commission (CAPD) who the company or government agency officer will be. This person shall be designated during the first term of the thesis and will be responsible for communication between the CAPD and the company or government agency. Subsequently, they may be replaced by another if the circumstances so require (change of role, retirement, change of office, etc.).
- b) The doctoral thesis supervisor(s) may work for a company, a government agency, a university or another research organisation. In any case, they shall be accepted by the CAPD as researchers on the programme for at least the duration of the thesis.
- c) The research plan submitted in the first year of the thesis shall clearly reflect the industrial character of the thesis. The CAPD will need to approve this plan in order to recognise the industrial doctorate distinction if all the requirements are met.
- d) In the event that the thesis is the result of joint research work between the UPM and the company or government agency, there shall be a framework agreement and a specific agreement between both parties, which will be provided by the UPM vice-rector's office responsible for doctoral studies.
- e) After the research period ends and prior to the submission process, the CAPD may approve the proposal for the thesis to receive the "Industrial Doctorate" distinction, for which the doctoral student shall submit:
 - i. A thesis report demonstrating that the thesis is linked to an industrial research or experimental development project at the company or government agency.
 - ii. A copy of the employment contract signed with the company or government agency to demonstrate the contractual relationship during the thesis's undertaking. The duration of this contract shall be at least three years if the thesis is full-time and five years if it is part-time, which shall be within the period the thesis is undertaken. If the thesis is completed in a shorter period of time, the contract shall cover at least the entire period of the thesis.

¹ Disclaimer: The English version is a translation of the original in Spanish for information purposes only. In case of a discrepancy, the Spanish original will prevail.