



# Research, Innovation and Doctoral Studies at UPM

Doctoral Studies @ UPM

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# 1. *Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM)*



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# Why UPM?

**Main Technological University in Spain**

**Specialized in engineering and architecture**

nº 94 Ranking QS (2019)

2nd Spanish speaking university in QS ranking (2019)

nº 92 employability in QS ranking (2019)

**Source of high impact knowledge**

nº 1 in university patent applications

nº 1 in attracting R&D European funds

nº 1 in attracting R&D contracts with industry

nº 1 in new technology ventures creation

**International Excellence Campus**

CEI Moncloa (UPM-UCM)

Information Technology Campus-I2Tech (UPM)





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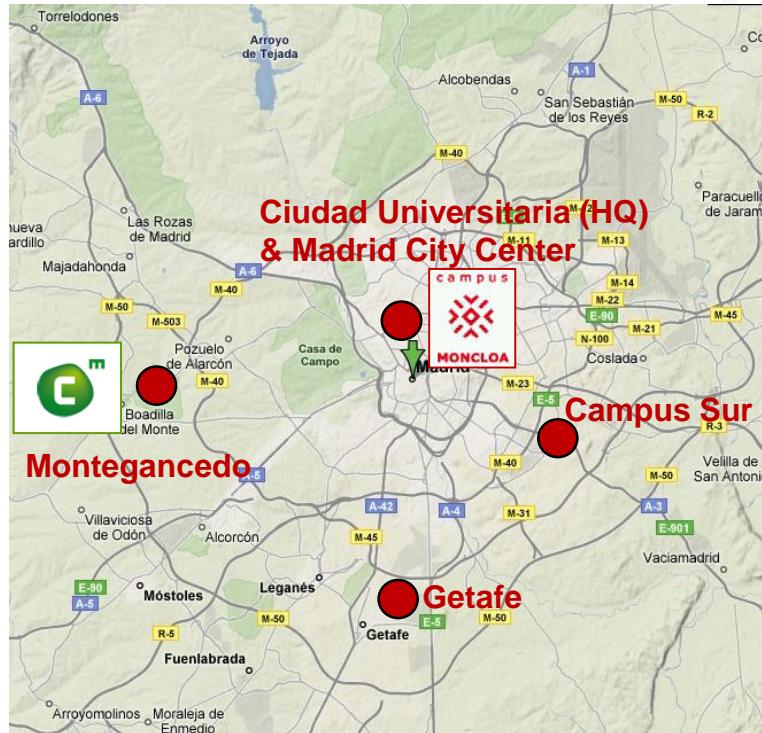
# UPM on the Map



Rectorate in Madrid

5 Campuses in Madrid area

2 International Excellence  
Campus awarded by the  
Ministry of Education (MEC-  
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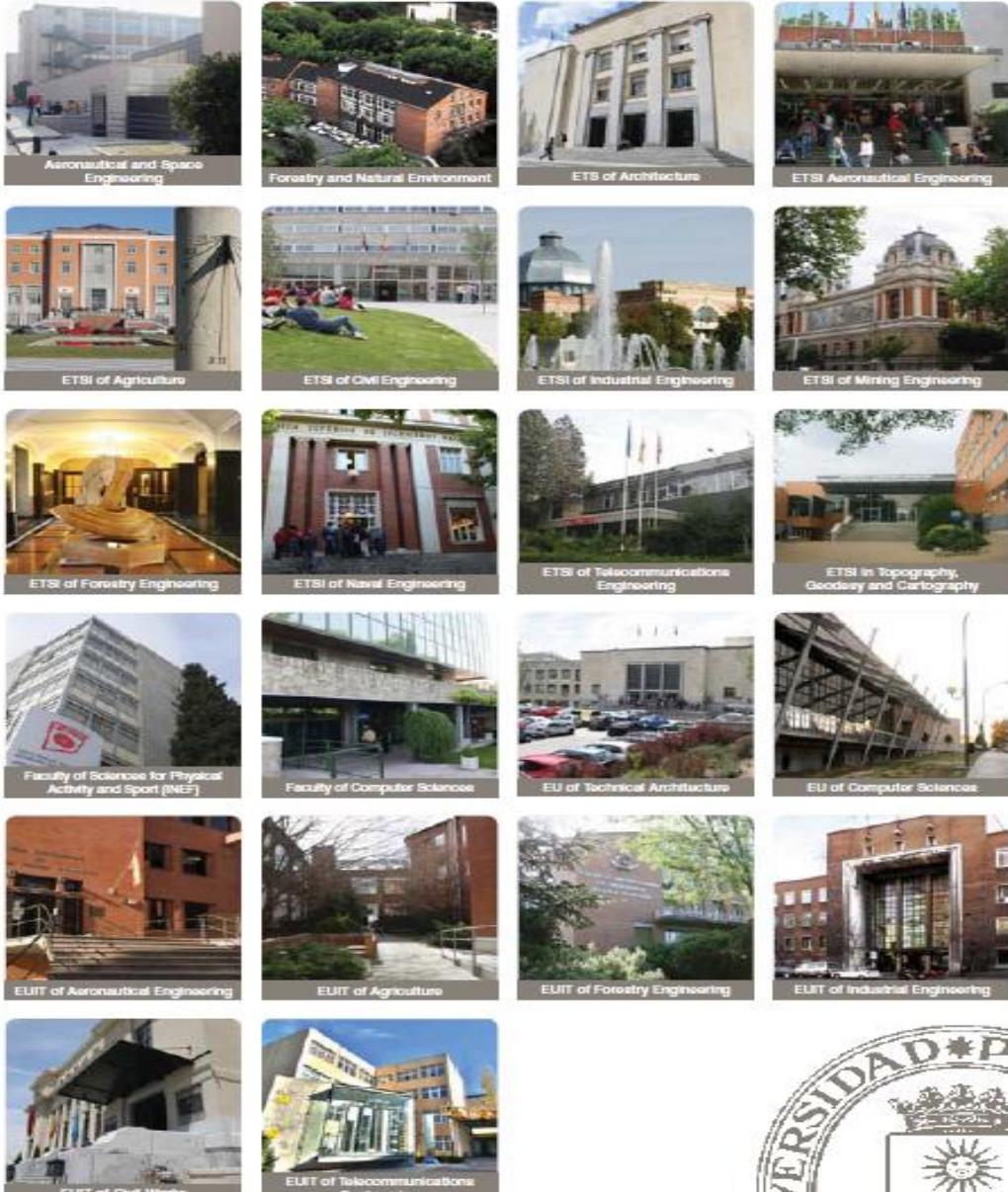
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# UPM Structure

- 15 Schools
- 1 Faculty (Sports)
- 1 Fashion Design Center
- 5 R&D&I Institutes
- 15 R&D&I Centers
- 1 Joint Technology Center
- 200 Research Groups
- 61 Departments

## Budget (2019)

**354.9 M€ Total funds**





## Research in 2018

- + 54 M€ in financed projects
  - ✓ 14.75 M€ Regional projects
  - ✓ 8.65 M€ National projects
  - ✓ 15.71 M€ International projects
  - ✓ 15.27 M€ Private projects and technical assistance to companies
- + 2,300 indexed publications



## Technological Innovation

- 540 patents in force to date
- 40 patents currently in exploitation
- 38 priority patents filed in 2018
- 71 University-business chairs
- + 200 spin-offs created and coached from 1998
- >70% spin-off Survival rate (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- + 60 M€ from investors (from 2007)



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# Fields of teaching and programmes

Higher education, research and innovation in all Engineering fields:

Aeronautics

Agronomy

Architecture

Biomedicine

Civil Engineering

Energy

Forestry

Industrial

Mining

Naval

Informatics

Telecommunication

Topography

+ Sports + Fashion Design + Music

41 Undergraduate degrees  
78 University master degrees  
46 PhD programmes  
91 Double degree agreements  
+300 permanent postgraduate  
training qualifications  
+75 master training qualifications

*High potential for increasing participation in  
multidisciplinary engineering areas*



## DIGITAL

1. Information Processing and Telecommunications Center (IPTC)
2. Center for Supercomputation & Simulation (CCS)
3. Integral Domotics Center (CeDInt)
4. Centre on Software Technologies and Multimedia Systems for Sustainability (CITSEM)

## MOBILITY

5. Transport Research Center (TRANSyT)
6. Institute for Automobile Research (INSIA)

## MATERIALS

7. Institute for Optoelectronic Systems and Microtechnology (ISOM) (*Micronanofabs, ICTS*)
8. Structural Material Research Center (CIME)
9. Center for Advanced Materials and Devices for ICT (CEMDATIC)

## ENERGY

10. Institute for Solar Energy (IES)
11. Institute for Nuclear Fusion (IFN)

## BIOTECHNOLOGY and HEALTH

12. Research Center for Biotechnology and Plant Genomics (CBGP-INIA) (*Severo Ochoa award*)
13. Biomedical Technology Center (CTB)
14. Research Center for the Management of Agricultural and Environmental Risks (CEIGRAM)

## INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

15. Center for Automation and Robotics (CAR, UPM-CSIC)
16. Laser Center
17. Center of Electronics for the Industry (CEI)
18. Institute for Microgravity "Ignacio da Riva" (IDR)

## INNOVATION

19. Innovation and Technology for Development Centre (itdUPM)
20. Centre for Support for Technological Innovation (CAIT)
21. AI.nnovation space (UPM-Accenture)



## Human Resources

- +2,800 Faculty academics
  - +380 Full professors
- 670 Contracted researchers
- +1,200 Administration and Service Staff
- +450 Students granted by projects



## Human Resources & Students

## Students

- + 31,000 Undergraduate
- + 4,800 Master degree
- + 2,100 PhD Students
- + 1,300 International Erasmus mobility
- + 1,400 National Erasmus mobility
- + 5,900 Work practice in companies
- + 450 Associations
- + 120 Medals obtained in official competitions



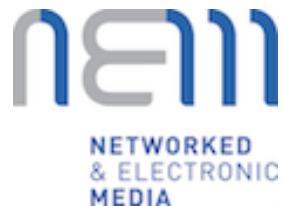


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# Connected to Research & Innovation networks



## Human Brain Project

Unifying our understanding of the human brain.





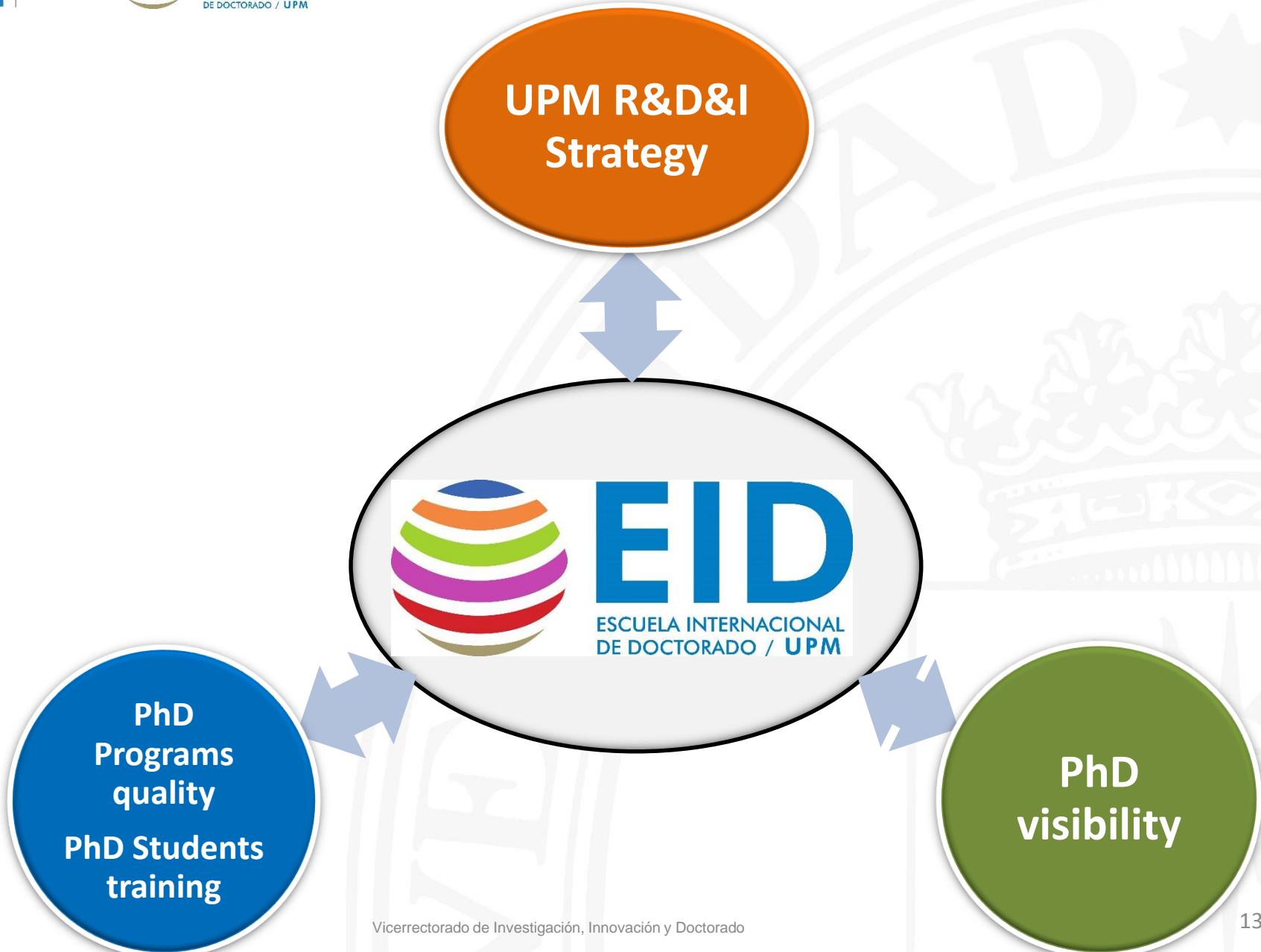
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## 2. International Doctorate School





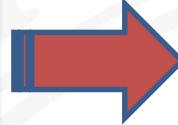
# International Doctoral School: Visibility and “School” model

## INTERNAL

+1,500 PhD Students &  
+2,000 PhD Advisors (UPM and external)



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**Archive**  
**Documentation**



## EXTERNAL

Information  
Foreigners  
Outreach

Industrial PhD



## FORMATIVE – QUALITY

Training & Entrepreneurship  
PhD Theses contests and prizes  
*“Programa Propio de Investigación”*



# 3. Doctoral Areas and Doctoral Programs



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# Doctoral Areas & Doctoral Programs



## MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRY

1. Aerospace Engineering
2. Automation and Robotics
3. Economy and Innovation Management
4. Engineering in Industrial Organization
5. Environmental, Chemical and Material Engineering
6. Electrical and Electronic Engineering
7. European Doctorate in Industrial Management
8. Fluid Mechanics
9. Mechanical Engineering
10. Production Engineering and Industrial Design
11. Research, Modeling and Risk Analysis in Environment
12. Sustainable, Nuclear and Renewable Energy

## ICTs

1. Artificial Intelligence
2. Biomedical Engineering
3. Communication Systems and Technologies
4. Computation Science and Technology for Smart Cities
5. Electronic Systems Engineering
6. Mathematical Eng., Statistics and Operations Research
7. Photovoltaic Solar Energy
8. Systems and Services Engineering for the Information Society
9. Software, Systems and Computation
10. Telematic System Engineering

## AGROFORESTRY & ENVIRONMENT

1. Advanced Forest Research
2. Agricultural Engineering
3. Biotechnology and Genetic Resources of Plants and Assoc. Microorganisms
4. Complex Systems
5. Engineering and Management of Environment
6. Environmental Technology for Sustainable Agriculture
7. Project Planning for Rural Development and Sustainable Management

## ARCHITECTURE

1. Advanced Architectural Design
2. Architecture and Urban Planning
3. Architecture Heritage
4. Building and Architecture Technology
5. Edification Structures
6. Sustainability and Urban Regeneration

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

1. Earth Informatics Engineering
2. Civil Engineering Systems
3. Structural, Geotechnical and Material Engineering
4. Naval Architect, Marine and Ocean Engineering
5. Technological Innovation in Building Construction

## ARTS & SOCIAL SCI.

1. Architecture Communication
2. Architecture, Design, Fashion and Society
3. Physical Activity and Sport Sciences
4. Music and its Science and Technologies



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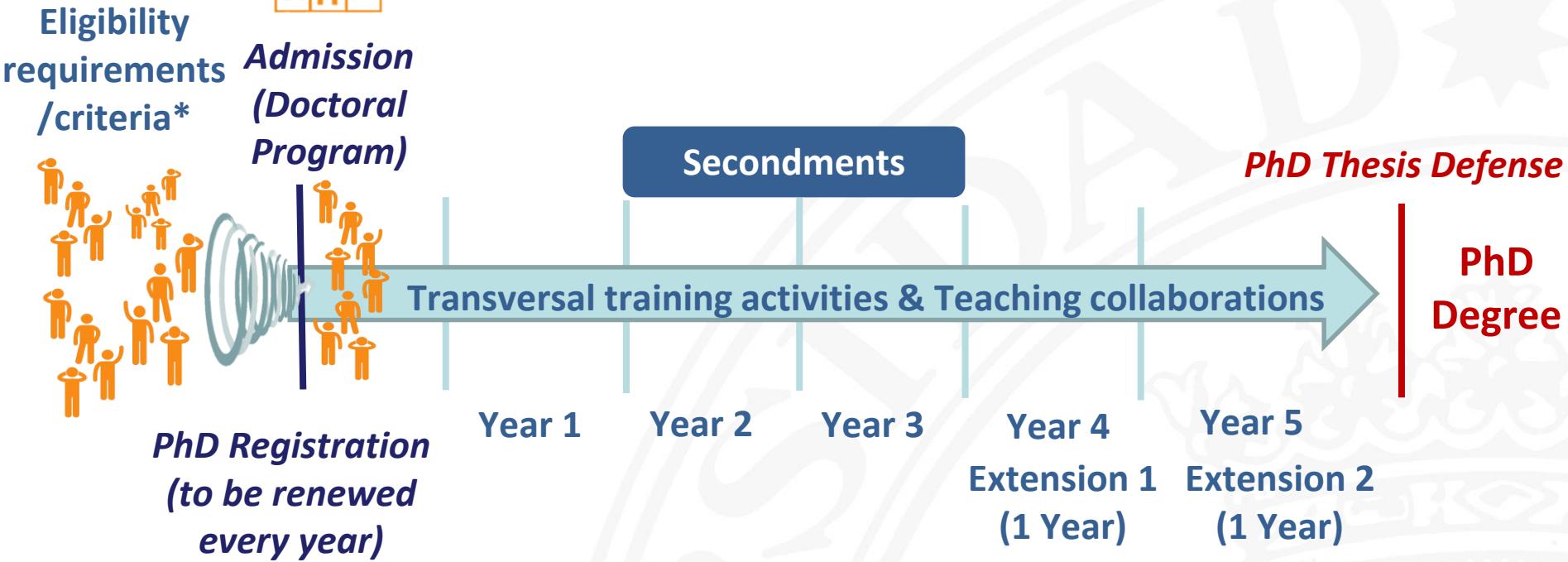


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## 4. Doctorate at UPM



# Doctorate at UPM (RD 99/2011)



\*Candidates must have completed the studies that lead to an official Spanish (or from another country of the EHEA) university degree awarding 300 ECTS credits, of which at least 60 ECTS credits must correspond to master level. Or they must have completed a degree in a University not adapted to the EHEA that gives access to doctoral studies



## International Doctorate

- ✓ Three months international secondment
- ✓ PhD thesis reviewed by international experts
- ✓ PhD thesis committee with international members
- ✓ PhD thesis and dissertation: Spanish and other language

## Industrial Doctorate

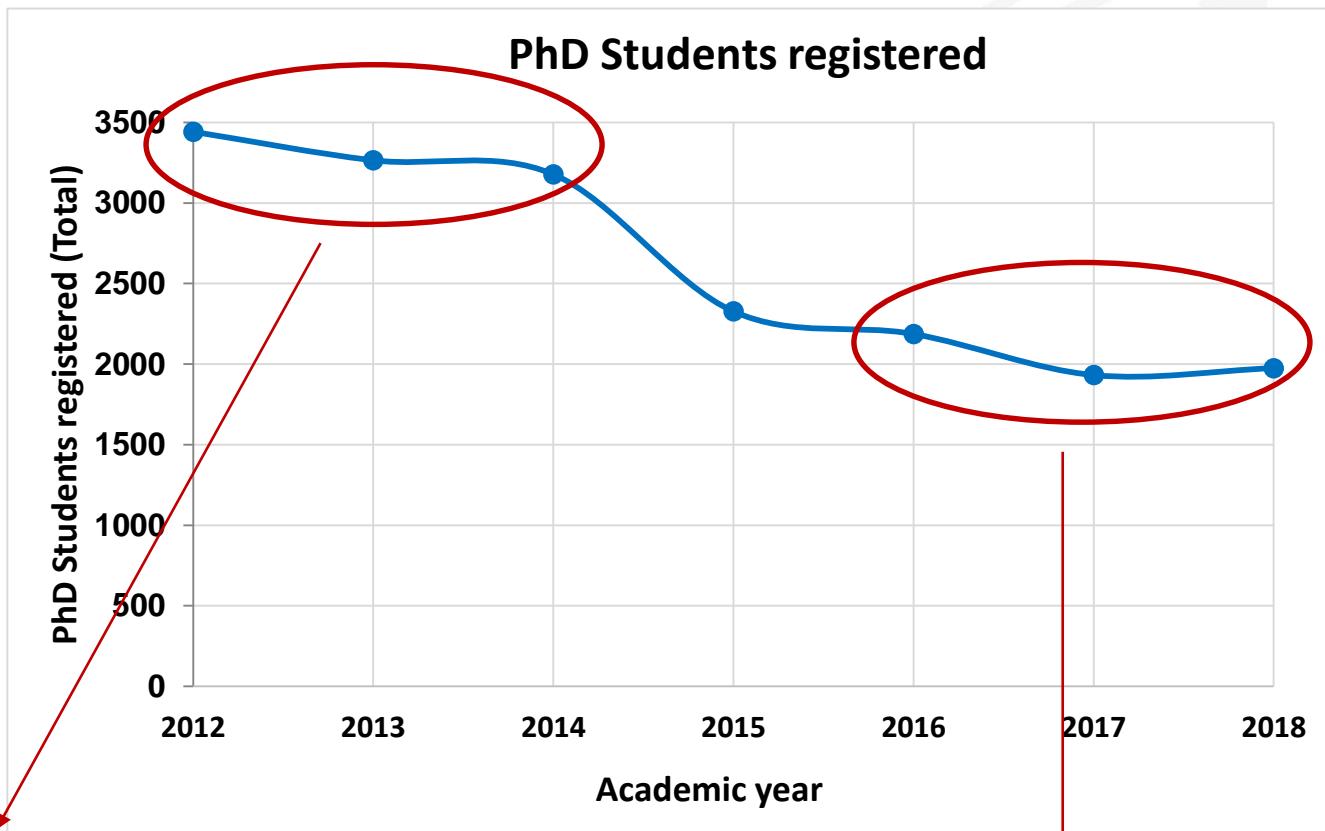
- ✓ UPM-Industry collaboration agreement
- ✓ Industrial research project
- ✓ Industrial secondment

## Co-tutelle

- ✓ Individual agreement for every PhD candidate.
- ✓ Two PhD certificates, one from each university
- ✓ At least 2 PhD advisors, one from each university
- ✓ Spend part of the PhD at each university (agreed by both universities)



# PhD Students registration



Extinction of former  
Royal Decrees (RD 56,  
RD 778 & RD 1393)

ca. 2,000 PhD students per year  
on average

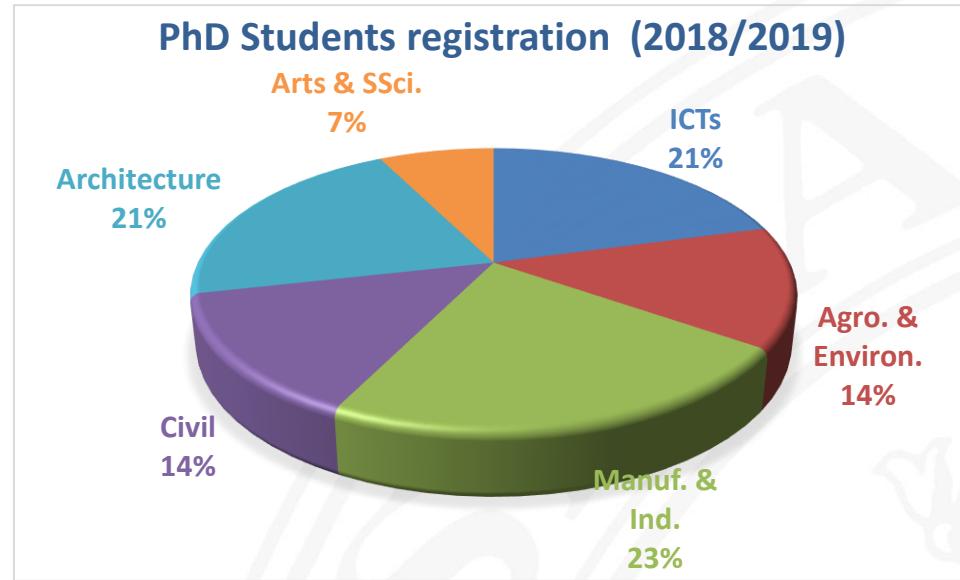


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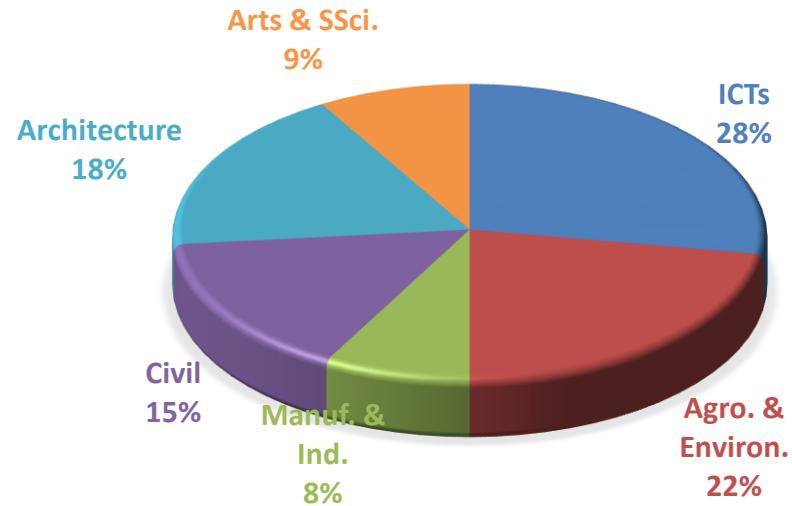
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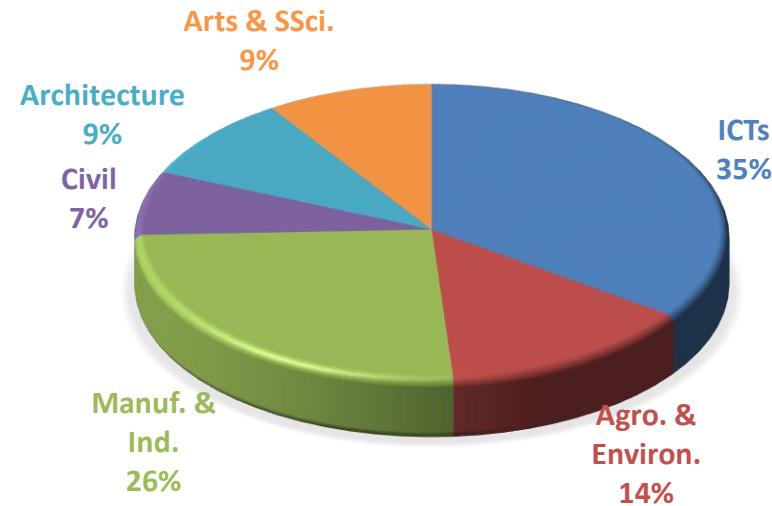
# Doctoral Areas: Registration and defence



### PhD Theses defended (2017/2018)



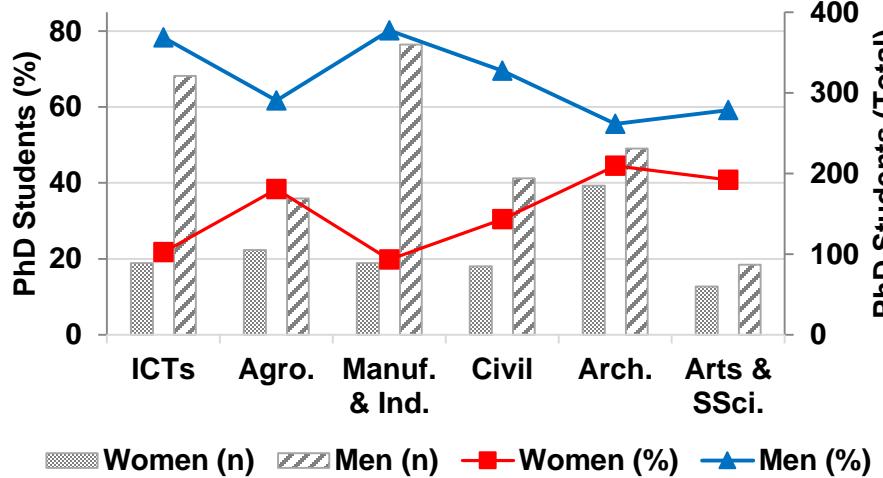
### International Doctorate (2017/2018)



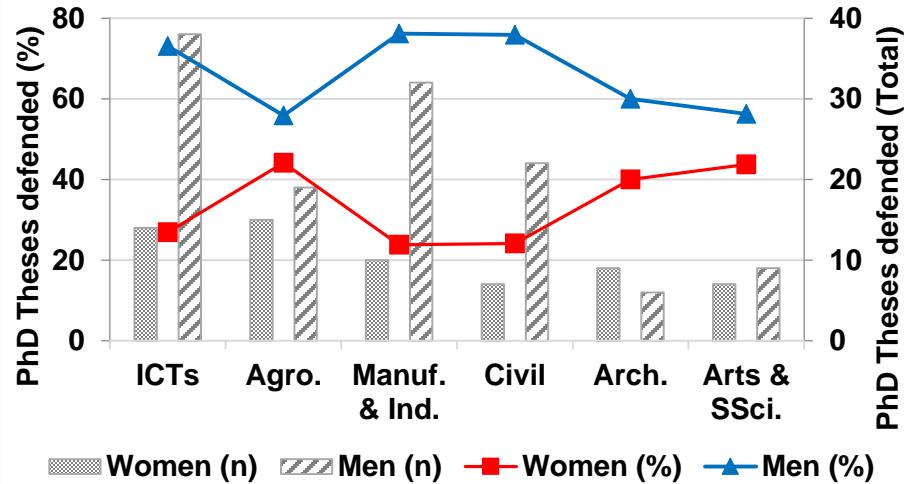


# Doctoral Areas: gender

PhD Students registration (2018/2019)



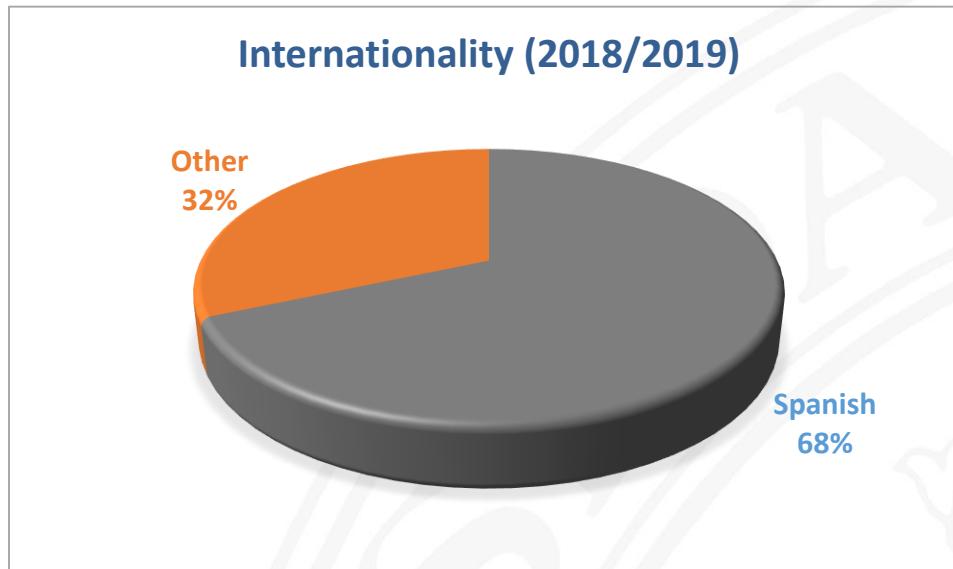
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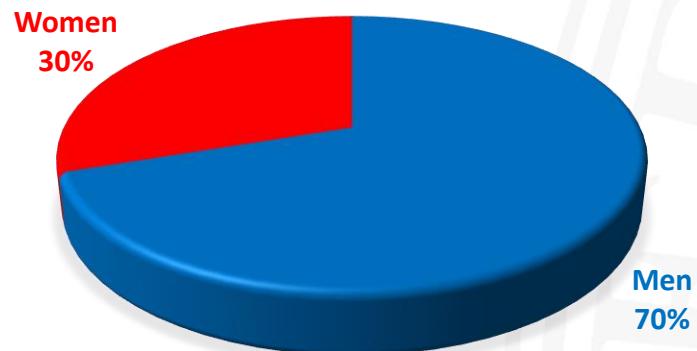
1. Registration & Defence: 30% women vs. 70% men (average)
2. Agroforestry & Environment: Chemical and biological approaches which are topics with a greater representation of women
3. Manufacturing & Industry: lower representation of women



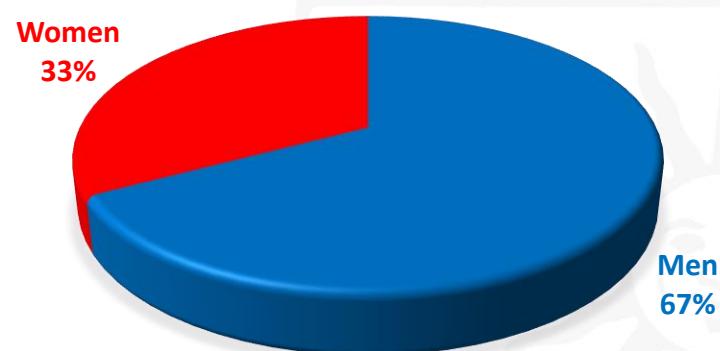
# PhD Students registration: Internationality



### Spanish PhD students (2018/2019)



### Other PhD students (2018/2019)



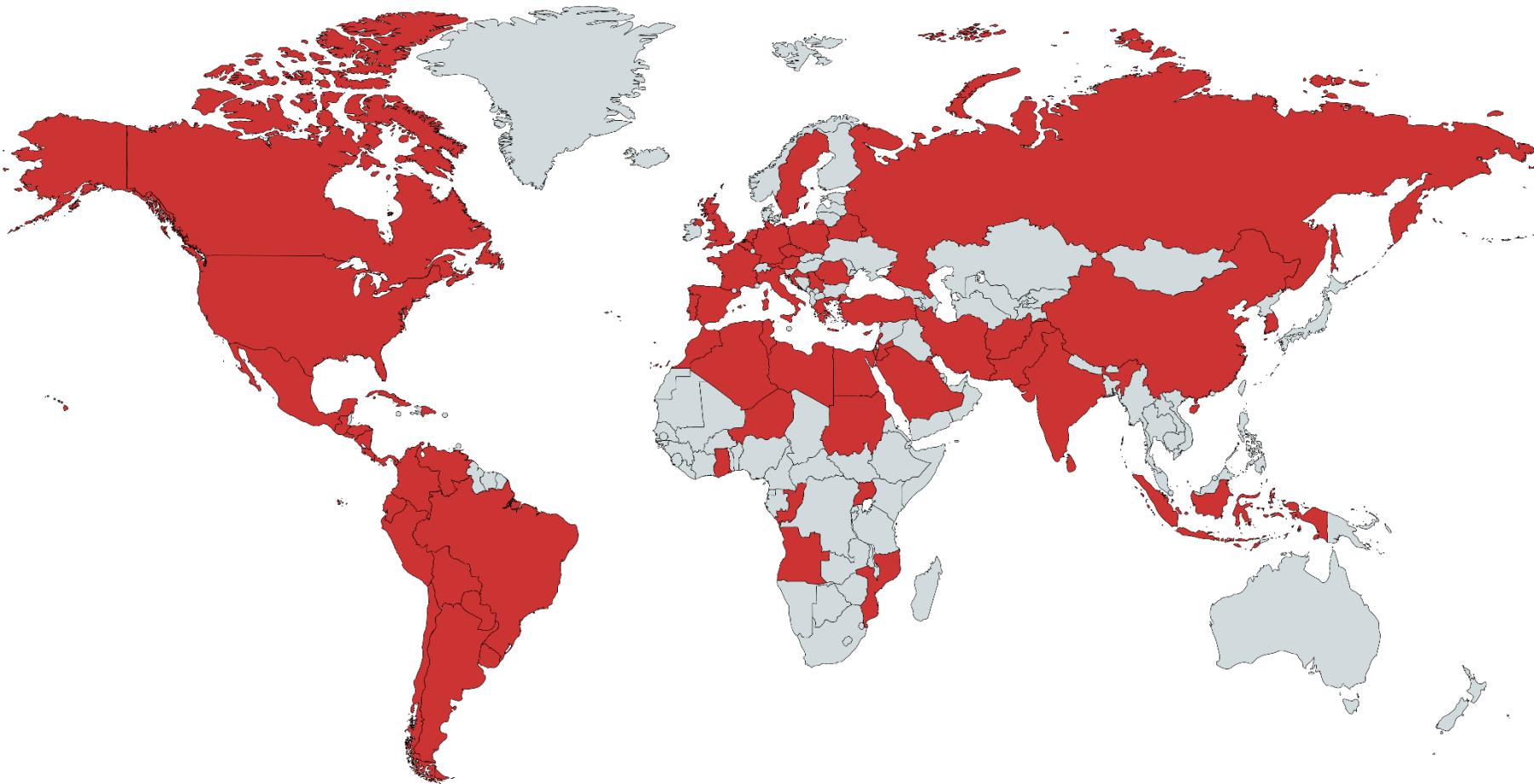


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# PhD Students nationalities (2018/2019)



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# Industrial Doctorate (2017 & 2018)

- ✓ **21 Industrial Doctorate contracts granted by the Government of Madrid**
- ✓ **Framework agreements (UPM-company) to carry out Industrial Doctorates**



**AIRBUS**

**ALTER**  
TECHNOLOGY GROUP

**LEAN CALE**

**THE W3B**

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CENTRO NACIONAL DE  
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ENERGY CENTRE

**biod**  
Bio Optical Detection

**étulos**

**Silk**  
BIOMED

**BTR**  
BIOTERRA, S.L.  
Biología y Tecnología de la Radiación

**Aura**  
innovative robotics

servicio integral  
de asesoría eólica

**GEOLYDER**  
Logística y Desarrollo para la Reducción de GeoRiesgos

**QP✓**  
Qualifying PhotoVoltaics

**nutega**  
Expertos en Nutrición



Solar Technology Advisors



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## Co-tutelle (from 2017 onwards)



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de Toulouse



UNIVERSITÀ  
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di Venezia

**paris-belleville**  
école nationale supérieure d'architecture

**TU Delft**  
**BK Bouwkunde**  
Delft University of Technology  
Faculty of Architecture  
and the Built Environment



# 5. Transversal training activities for PhD candidates



# Transversal training activities for PhD candidates

January-February

March-April

May-June

October-November

*Teaching collaboration (up to 60h/year - max. 180h/PhD candidate)*

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Innovation and entrepreneurship</i></li><li>✓ <i>Introduction to business</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Patents and copyrights</i></li><li>✓ <i>Science communication and dissemination</i></li><li>✓ <i>Technology commercialization</i></li><li>✓ <i>Methodology to support research I</i></li><li>✓ <i>ERC Writing Days</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Postdoctoral career projection</i></li><li>✓ <i>Symposium "Your thesis in a nutshell"</i></li><li>✓ <i>Methodology to support research II</i></li><li>✓ <i>Bibliographic resources</i></li><li>✓ <i>MSCA-IF Writing Days</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Researchers' digital identity</i></li><li>✓ <i>Normative aspects of the doctorate</i></li><li>✓ <i>Making my research more responsible: Exploring RRI</i></li><li>✓ <i>International R&amp;D&amp;I projects</i></li><li>✓ <i>Writing in Engineering</i></li></ul> |
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GRECO Workshop  
2000  
APPLIED RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH  
AND INNOVATION (RRI) CONCEPTS

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**STRATEGIES FOR  
COMMUNICATION:**  
Presenting Your  
Thesis Effectively





## 6. *Programa Propio de Investigación*



# Programa Propio de Investigación (Vice-Rectorate for Research, Innovation and Doctoral Studies funds)



**Specific calls for PhD candidates  
(total budget: 1,690,000.00 €)**

- ✓ Pre-doctoral contracts (up to 4 years)
- ✓ International conferences
- ✓ Secondments (3-month international secondment to obtain the International Doctorate)



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