

Article 15. *International Doctorate Mention and thesis under international “cotutele”.*

1. The front of the doctoral degree title may include the inscription “Industrial Doctorate Mention” on condition that the following requirements are met:

a) During the period of training required to obtain a doctoral degree, the doctoral candidate must have spent a minimum of three months studying or conducting research work in a prestigious higher education institution or research center outside Spain. The stay and the activities must be approved by the director and authorized by the Academic Commission and will be included in the activities document of the doctoral candidate.

b) Part of the doctoral thesis, at least the summary and conclusions, must have been written and presented in one of the common languages used for scientific communication in their field of knowledge, different from any of the official or co-official languages of Spain. This regulation will not apply in the case of stays, reports and experts coming from a Spanish-speaking country.

c) The thesis must have been peer-reviewed by at least two Doctors from a non-Spanish higher education institution or research institute.

d) At least one expert belonging to a non-Spanish higher education institution or research center, holding a doctoral degree, and being different from the responsible person for the stay mentioned in section a), must have been part of the evaluation commission.

2. The front of the title corresponding to the doctoral degree will include the statement “Thesis under *cotutele* with the University U”, provided that the following requirements are met:

a) The doctoral thesis must be supervised by two or more doctors from two universities, one from Spain and one from abroad, both of which must have established a *cotutele* agreement.

b) During the training period required to obtain a doctoral degree, the doctoral candidate must have spent a minimum of six months at the institution with which the *cotutele* agreement was established, conducting research work, either in one or several periods. Stays and activities will be reflected in the *cotutele* agreement.

Article 15 bis. *Industrial Doctorate Mention.*

1. The Industrial Doctorate Mention will be granted when the following requirements are met:

a) The existence of an employment or commercial contract with the doctoral candidate. The contract can be signed by a company from the private or public sector, as well as by a public administration.

b) The doctoral candidate should be involved in an industrial research or experimental development project conducted in the company or public administration (it may not be a university) in which the thesis is being developed. The industrial research or experimental development project in which the doctoral candidate is involved must be directly related to the thesis. This direct relationship will be certified by means of a report that must be approved by the university.

2. In the event that the industrial research or experimental development project is being developed in collaboration between the university and the company or public administration where the doctoral candidate is working, a collaboration framework agreement must be signed between the parties. This agreement shall state the obligations of the university and those of the company or public administration, as well as the selection procedure of the doctoral candidates.

The doctoral candidate will have a thesis mentor assigned by the university and a responsible person assigned by the company or public administration, who may be, if applicable, the director of the thesis in accordance with the doctorate regulations.