

Staff Week on Best Practices in International Collaboration at Doctorate Level

Doctoral Studies in Portugal The experience at NOVA

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NOVA



UNIVERSIDADE
NOVA
DE LISBOA

Public University in Lisbon

9 Academic Units (Schools)

Campi on both sides of the river



U. NOVA DE LISBOA

2 000
PhD
Students

20.100 Students





PhD - Admission criteria



Applying for a PhD programme

Those who meet any of the following conditions may apply to a PhD programme:

- Holders of a **master degree** or legal equivalent;
- Holders of an **undergraduate degree**, who possess a particularly **relevant academic or scientific CV**, which demonstrates an ability to carry out the intended study programme and which is recognized by the scientific body of the Higher Education Institution (HEI) to which they wish to be admitted;
- Holders of an **academic, scientific or professional CV**, which demonstrates an ability to carry out the intended study programme and which is recognized by the scientific body of the HEI to which they wish to be admitted.



Formal teaching and training
activities

Qualifying students to carry out research activities at a high scientific level

PhD programme – Curricular structure

The AU are responsible for their PhD programmes



Doctoral course
(optional)

An organized set of **curricular units** directed towards **research training activities and/or transferable skills development**



Thesis

OR



Research work published in prominent scientific international journals

OR



In the field of arts, **a work or set of works** or innovative achievements,



Quality assessment:
HEI in compliance with quality
criteria

Requirements for the award of a PhD degree

The PhD degree may only be conferred by HEI that fulfil all the following conditions in a specified knowledge field or its specialist areas:



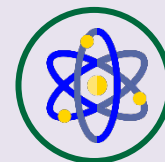
Teaching staff academically qualified and specialised

- at least 75% must be full time staff
- all teaching staff must hold a PhD degree
- at least 75% must hold a PhD degree in the knowledge field or its specialist areas



Human and material resources

- indispensable to guarantee the level and quality of the training provided
- necessary for the development of research (at least 75% of the teaching staff must be involved in research activities in R&D units ranked with, at least, "Very Good")



Accumulated research experience translated into relevant scientific and academic production



A coordinator of the PhD programme holding a PhD degree in the fundamental training area of the programme and working full time



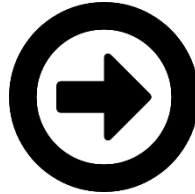
Conditions for viva

Examiners' appointment & deliberations - conducting PhD examinations



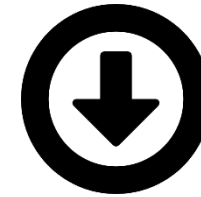
Thesis submission

(or of other scientific research/artistic works, if applicable)



Appointed examiners

- the head of the HEI or anyone to whom he/she delegates the authority to that end
- a minimum of four people holding PhD degrees, one of which can be the supervisor
- may also include a member considered an expert in the scientific field of the thesis.



Deliberations



are made by the majority of the examiners, by means of grounded roll call, and abstentions are not permitted



the chairman has a casting vote and exercises voting rights:

- a) as a professor or as a researcher in the scientific field of the doctoral programme
- b) in the event of a tied vote

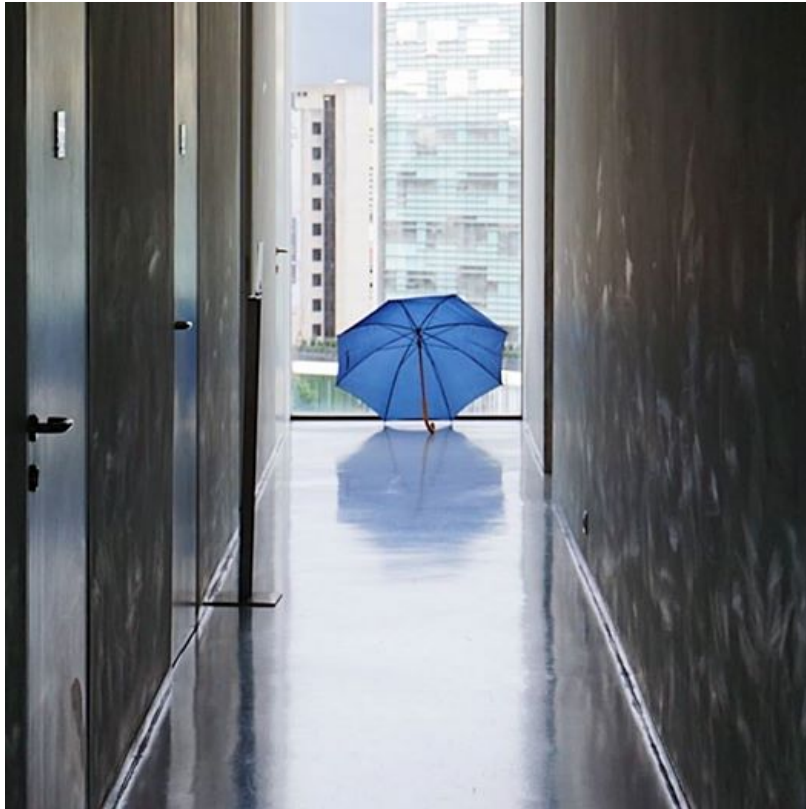
! The submission is done exclusively in digital form and provided to the examiners, in advance of the viva examination



NOVA Doctoral School

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An umbrella School, based at the Rectorate



Launched in 2013

AIMS:

To organize **transversal academic activities** and creating an open space for discussion in NOVA

To reinforce personal and professional development of PhD students through **transferable skills** training

To **share best PhD practices** and resources within NOVA

- Alignment with the mission of the university
- Acceptance and Validation by the Heads of the different Academic Units
- Strongly supported by the Rector
- Involvement of NOVA faculty (program design and training sessions)





Communicating Science
Visually



Social Media for Scientists



Project Management



Value Creation



Research Skills Development



Finishing my PhD: the
next 90 days

Some courses



Information Literacy



Intellectual Property



Research Ethics



Design Thinking



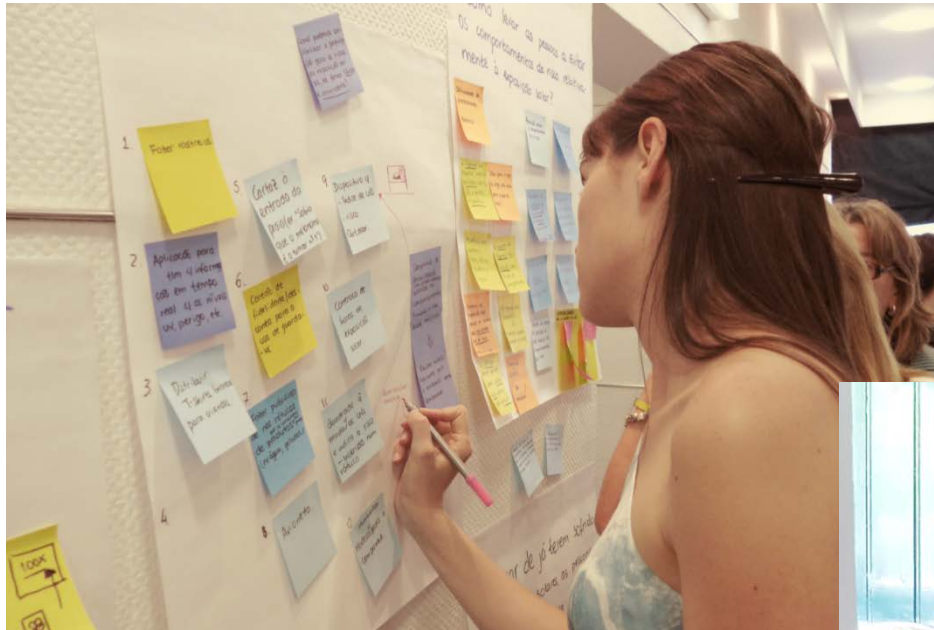
Developing
Supervisory Skills

Courses



- Short courses (2/3 days)
- Voluntary and free of charge
- In English (courses are also organized in Portuguese)
- ECTs are accounted for either in the PhD programme or in the Supplement to the Diploma
- Classes integrate students with diverse scientific backgrounds
- Classes take place in the various *campi* of NOVA
- The academic staff come from the different AU (Schools)

Hands-on approach



NOVA Doctoral School

2674

PhD Students
Academic staff
Non-Academic staff
Researchers
PARTICIPATIONS

+

139

Supervisors



169

editions of training courses



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