

## DOCTORAL SUPERVISION COMMITMENT

Doctoral programme:

Doctoral student:

Doctoral programme coordinator:

Vice-Rector for Research and Transfer: Juan Manuel Corchado Rodríguez

### I.- Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish the governing principles of the relationship between doctoral candidate, tutor, thesis supervisor and doctoral programme through the Academic Committee, in particular the coordinator, and the University of Salamanca, through the Doctoral Committee, while completing the academic training established in the doctoral programme the student is enrolled in and during the period of production of the doctoral thesis.

### II.- Mutual collaboration agreement

To this end, doctoral candidate, tutor, thesis supervisor, programme coordinator and Doctoral Committee, each within the scope of their corresponding functions, undertake to establish the appropriate collaboration terms to provide the student with correct training for the successful development, production and defence of a doctoral thesis in accordance with the proceedings and deadlines provided for in the applicable regulations.

The signatories of this commitment document declare that they are aware of the general regulations in force governing doctoral studies: RD 99/2011, which regulates doctoral studies, and those specific to the University of Salamanca, approved by Agreement of the Governing Council of the University on 25 October 2011, and accept that the provisions contained in them govern the cross-curricular and specific training included in the doctoral studies aimed at the production, processing and defence of a doctoral thesis and the achievement by the doctoral student of the degree of Doctor by the University of Salamanca.

### III.- Obligations of the doctoral candidate

1.- The doctoral candidate undertakes to carry out the training activities scheduled in the doctoral programme, to record them in the doctoral candidate's activities document and to conduct the corresponding research pursuant to the research plan, within the framework established by the applicable regulations and under the monitoring and supervision of the tutor and/or thesis supervisor, in accordance with the obligations arising from this commitment, which are summed up below in an expository manner:

- \* Pay attention, observe and follow the instructions and recommendations made by the tutor and/or thesis supervisor regarding scheduled or other training activities in the frame of the doctorate.
- \* Regularly report to the tutor and/or thesis supervisor on the performance of such activities and the evolution of the research project, including the results obtained and the problems that may arise during the process.
- \* Submit the Research Plan and personal Activities Document within the deadlines established by the Academic Committee, so that the activities conducted may be assessed within the period provided for in the regulations.
- \* Devote the equivalent to 35 (\_\_\_\_) h/week on a full- (part-) time basis to the doctoral programme, including the doctoral thesis.

### IV.- Obligations of the tutor and/or supervisor

The tutor undertakes to advise, guide and monitor the doctoral candidate's training activities. The thesis supervisor undertakes to supervise and monitor the research activity conducted by the doctoral student as regularly as required to effectively enable the achievement of the intended objective leading to the deposit and defence of the doctoral thesis. The thesis supervisor shall also guide, advise and ensure that the doctoral candidate may pursue the research line planned in a self-motivated and autonomous manner. Likewise, the supervisor shall submit the relevant assessment/follow-up reports on the doctoral candidate's Activities Document and Research Plan on a yearly basis to the Academic Committee and shall ensure the production of a quality thesis.

#### V.- Deadline for completion

Attending to the work schedule recognized and approved by the Academic Committee, and to the thesis research topic, the parties agree to fix \_\_\_\_\_ as the date for completion. This date may be modified by mutual agreement of the signatories of this commitment document, conditional on approval by the Doctoral Committee of the University.

#### VI.- Assessment

1.- Before the end of the first year from enrolment in the programme, the doctoral candidate shall submit the Research Plan for assessment by the Academic Committee.

2.- On a yearly basis and on the dates proposed by the Academic Committee, the doctoral candidate shall submit both the Research Plan and the Activities Document for assessment.

In its assessment, the Committee shall also use the reports that are to be drawn up for such purpose by the tutor and by the supervisor.

3.- A positive assessment is an essential requirement for continuing on the programme. In the case of a duly reasoned negative assessment, the doctoral candidate shall be reassessed within 6 months, in which case a new Research Plan shall be drawn up. If the assessment is again negative, the doctoral candidate shall be totally withdrawn from the programme.

3.- At the end of the deadline indicated in the section above, the doctoral candidate shall deposit the doctoral thesis.

4.- After the deadline, if the work has not been assessed by the Committee and the admission process for its defence has not been requested, the thesis commitment shall cease to have effect and the doctoral candidate shall be withdrawn from the programme.

#### VII.- Dispute settlement procedure

In the event of non-observance of the commitments laid down in this document, or of any dispute that the parties are unable to solve were to arise, the parties agree to be bound to the conflict resolution procedure stipulated in the regulations of the University of Salamanca, with the corresponding effects and consequences.

#### VIII.- Intellectual property

The doctoral candidate assumes that the industrial property rights of any research results that may be eligible for protection under legally recognized titles, as well as the intellectual property proprietary rights, shall belong to those stated by current legislation, including the provisions regarding sharing by all the participants of the benefits resulting from patents and the right to appear as co-author on all papers, articles or communications setting out the findings of research in which the doctoral candidate has been significantly involved.

#### IX.- Validity

This document shall take effect from the date of signature until the defence of the doctoral thesis.

In witness whereof, the parties sign this document in two original copies, with one single effect, in the place and on the date stated.

Salamanca, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_\_\_\_.

The doctoral candidate,

The programme coordinator,

The Vice-Rector for Research,