

**APPROVED,
with the changes
in the U.B. Senate meeting.
of 18.02.2026**

***Endorsed by the CSUD
02-02-2026***

REGULATION

on the organisation and conduct of doctoral study programmes

in the University of Bucharest

Chapter I – General provisions

Art. 1.

- (1) The Regulation for the organisation and conduct of doctoral study programmes in the University of Bucharest (hereinafter referred to as “*Regulation, U.B.*”) are elaborated and adopted pursuant to Law no. 199/2023 on Higher Education (*Law*), as subsequently amended and supplemented, the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies approved by O.M.E. no. 3020/8 January 2024 (*Framework Regulation*), and the U.B. Charter of 2023, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) The Regulation transposes the common procedures and principles for quality assurance in the organisation and conduct of doctoral study programmes provided for in the Framework Regulation, and they apply within the U.B., as an institution organising doctoral studies (I.O.D.S.-U.B.). The Regulation developed by the Council for Doctoral Studies (C.S.U.D.) applies to the doctoral study programmes carried out with the support of the accredited or provisionally authorised doctoral schools operating within the U.B., in their relations with other structures of the U.B., in its relations with external entities and with the doctoral students.
- (3) According to the principle of subsidiarity, all areas that are not expressly regulated by law, the Framework Regulation, the Charter, or by this Regulation are, within their limits, the competence of the doctoral schools, through their own regulations and through the acts adopted on their basis.
- (4) The defined terms and expressions of which meaning is established according to Article 2 of the Framework Regulation shall have the same meaning within the meaning of this Regulation, as follows:

Term	Definition
Doctoral studies	Represents the third cycle of university studies, which allows the acquisition of a level 8 qualification from the European Qualification Framework (E.Q.F./ C.E.C.) and from the National Qualifications Framework (C.N.C.).
Institution organising	The Higher Education Institution that has acquired the legal right to

doctoral studies (I.O.D.S.)	organise doctoral study programmes and that has acquired this recognition following the external quality assessment process, according to the law.
Council for Doctoral Studies (C.S.U.D.)	The organisational and administrative structure established within the I.O.D.S., responsible for the elaboration and implementation of the I.O.D.S. strategy, of its own regulation regarding doctoral studies and the coordination of the doctoral training activity.
Doctoral Study Programme	All the activities in which the doctoral student is involved, relevant from the point of view of doctoral studies and leading to a level 8 university qualification from the E.Q.F./ C.E.C. and from the C.N.C.
Scientific Doctorate	Doctoral study programme that aims to produce original, internationally relevant scientific knowledge based on scientific methods, and can be organised in the form of full-time or part-time/ education. The scientific doctorate forms the basis for a professional career in higher education and research.
Profesional Doctorate	Doctoral study programme, that can be undertaken in all fields, including dual university education, which aims to produce original knowledge based on the application of the scientific method, systematic reflection or applied research on artistic creations, on high-level national and international sports performances or on topics of practical importance and which constitutes a basis for the professional career in higher education and in research in the targeted areas. The professional doctorate can be organised in the form of full-time or part-time education.
Doctoral student	The person admitted and enroled in a doctoral study programme. This quality is maintained throughout the period of his/her presence within this programme, including any extensions granted according to the provisions of the study contract, except during periods of interruption of studies.
Field of doctoral studies	The field that is found as such in the Nomenclature of fields and university study programmes.
Doctoral School (D.S.)	Organisational and administrative structure established within the

	I.O.D.S. according to the law, which provides the necessary support for the development of doctoral studies in a certain field, discipline or disciplinary or interdisciplinary theme, assimilated to a faculty department.
The Council of the Doctoral School (C.D.S.)	Management structure of the doctoral school, assimilated to a department's council.
Doctoral supervisor	The person who obtained the right to conduct doctoral theses prior to the date of entry into force of Law no. 199/2023 on Higher Education, as subsequently amended and supplemented, or has obtained the habilitation certificate according to the legislation in force and has become a member of a doctoral school within an I.O.D.S., based on an employment contract.
Contract for Doctoral Studies	The contract that regulates the relations between I.O.D.S., the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral student and which has as its object the development of the activities specific to the study programme, specifying the rights and obligations of the signatory parties, in accordance with the legislation in force, the provisions of the Charter and the decisions of the U.B. Senate.
Doctoral thesis	Original scientific paper elaborated by the doctoral student during the doctoral studies and which represents a legal condition for obtaining the title of Doctor.
Doctoral Diploma	The study document issued by the I.O.D.S. after completing and fulfilling all the legal procedures related to the doctoral studies programme.
Co-direction	Co-direction is an agreement (<i>exempli gratia</i>) that concretely involves only the agreement with a doctoral supervisor from another doctoral school/ I.O.D.S. or from another country. The co-direction agreement is signed and initialed for validation by both the rectors of the two universities and the directors of the two doctoral schools, of course also by the doctoral student and the two supervisors, but it does not involve the second doctoral school in any other way.
Academic mobility	The right of doctoral students to be recognised the transferable

	credits acquired, under the law, at other higher education institutions in the country or abroad.
Plagiarism	Presenting in a written work, including in electronic/digital format, as a creation or original personal scientific contribution of texts, ideas, demonstrations, data, theories, results or scientific methods taken from written works, including in electronic/digital format, of other authors or using means based on Artificial Intelligence, without mentioning this and without referring to the original sources.
Self-plagiarism	Republishing substantial parts of your own previous publications, including translations, without properly stating or citing the original source.

Chapter II - Doctoral studies

Art. 2.

- (1) U.B. organises, through doctoral schools, scientific and professional doctoral studies with funding from the state budget, on a fee-paying regime or from other legally constituted sources.
- (2) The doctoral study programmes are organised by the doctoral school, under the coordination of the C.S.U.D. and the council of the doctoral school (C.S.D.).
- (3) Admission to the doctoral studies cycle is carried out in one or two annual sessions, in accordance with the Regulations on the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies and with the provisions of Chapter VII of this Regulation.
- (4) The doctoral programme takes place over 8 semesters (4 years) and includes 2 mandatory components:
 - a. the training programme based on advanced university studies within the doctoral school;
 - b. the scientific research or applied research programme, as the case may be, completed with the public defense of the doctoral thesis.
- (5) As a rule, the training programme based on advanced university studies has a cumulative effective duration of a maximum of 144 hours and a number of 30 credits. The standardisation of more than 144 hours, up to a maximum of 240 hours, is endorsed by C.S.U.D. and approved by the Board of Directors of U.B. The programme can be carried out compactly or fragmented during an academic year. This can be followed by doctoral students throughout their doctoral studies, preferably in

the first academic year.

- (6) The training programme based on advanced university studies includes a discipline of ethics and academic integrity, including ethics of scientific research, which must be completed by all enrolled doctoral students.
- (7) The doctoral study programme is carried out in the manner established by the doctoral supervisor, after consulting the doctoral student, approved by the doctoral school council.
- (8) The guidance of the doctoral student by the doctoral supervisor is carried out during the doctoral programme (including during the training programme based on advanced university studies). In special situations, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor and within the limits of the available funds, the duration of the doctoral study programme may be extended by 1-2 years. At the request of the doctoral student, with the approval of the doctoral supervisor, the duration of doctoral studies may be reduced by one year. The doctoral studies may be interrupted for good reasons, with the approval of the C.S.U.D. The duration of these studies is extended by the cumulative periods of the approved interruptions.
- (9) The extensions and interruptions provided for in paragraph (8) shall be established by addenda to the doctoral university study contract.
- (10) Doctoral studies can also be carried out under co-supervision/co-direction. In this case, the doctoral student carries out his/her activity under the simultaneous guidance of a doctoral supervisor from I.O.D.S.-U.B. and a doctoral supervisor from another country or from another I.O.D.S. in Romania, based on a written agreement between the organising institutions involved. The doctorate in co-supervision/co-direction can also be organised if both the doctoral supervisors are from I.O.D.S.-U.B.
- (11) In the case of doctoral studies organised in co-supervision/co-direction, the main doctoral supervisor is the one on whose vacant position for doctoral student the admission contest was organised, the second supervisor having a secondary role. The doctoral student is fully accounted for by the main supervisor, including in terms of the norming of the activity.
- (12) If the written agreement of the co-supervision/co-direction is concluded between I.O.D.S.-U.B. and a doctoral institution abroad, the course of the study programme, the doctoral thesis and the conditions of public defense must be established in compliance with the legal provisions that apply in both states. Otherwise, the administrative procedure carried out by the I.O.D.S.-U.B. shall be invalidated, and the title of Doctor shall not be granted.
- (13) The commission for the public defense of the doctoral thesis is proposed by the doctoral supervisor (the doctoral supervisors, in the case of theses in co-supervision/co-direction),

endorsed by the council of the doctoral school (by the council of the doctoral school to which the main doctoral supervisor belongs, in the case of doctoral theses in co-supervision/co-direction) and approved by C.S.U.D. (including in the case of doctoral theses elaborated in co-supervision/co-direction, when the doctoral supervisors are part of two I.O.D.S., and the U.B. is the main I.O.D.S.). The composition of the public support commission will comply with the legal provisions in force, as well as the internal decisions of the U.B.

Art. 3.

(1) The following attributions regarding doctoral studies are delegated to doctoral schools:

- (a) adopting its own methodologies regarding the internal standards and procedures for periodic assessments of quality and professional deontology;
- (b) establishing standards for doctoral supervisors, for teaching and research staff affiliated to the doctoral school, for members of doctoral committees and for external persons and doctoral students who apply for membership of the doctoral school council;
- (c) adopting the rules on the recognition and equivalence of study programmes carried out in the country or abroad, on the recognition of previous doctoral programme stages and/or scientific research trainings/scholarships undertaken previously, carried out in the country or abroad, in universities or in prestigious research centers and on the recognition of some courses completed within the Master's degree programmes;
- (d) adopting the requirements for the elaboration of doctoral theses;
- (e) adoption of the methodology for admission to advanced research postdoctoral programmes.

(2) It is recommended for doctoral schools:

- (a) to encourage the completion and promotion by doctoral students of the training program based on advanced university studies, especially at the beginning of the doctoral study programme, including by awarding differentiated grades to doctoral theses;
- (b) to ensure, within the training programme based on advanced university studies, the methodological training for scientific research and didactic training of doctoral students;
- (c) to provide, within the training programme based on advanced university studies, courses, seminars, laboratories, etc. in international languages. For the purposes of this Regulation, the languages of international circulation are understood as: English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese and Portuguese; „ ”
- (d) to set standards for doctoral students, including in terms of attendance and frequency, the number, type and conditions for passing of the means of evaluation, as well as the number, type

- and assessment of the scientific activity carried out;
- (e) to stimulate the writing of doctoral theses in languages of international circulation;
 - (f) to encourage the adoption of the Doctor Europaeus route;
 - (g) to stimulate doctoral studies in international co-supervision;
 - (h) to encourage the implementation of collaborative doctorates (in capitalising on the partnership with various institutions and entities in the socio-economic environment).

Chapter III - C.S.U.D.

Art. 4.

- (1) At the level of I.O.D.S.-U.B. the doctoral training activity is coordinated by C.S.U.D.
- (2) C.S.U.D. is coordinated by the Rector and the Vice-Rector who coordinates the doctoral studies.
- (3) The C.S.U.D. is headed by a Director, who is a member of the C.S.U.D.
- (4) The C.S.U.D. is composed of 17 members, professors or researchers with the right to supervise doctorates.
- (5) The duration of a mandate as a member of the C.S.U.D. is 5 years.
- (6) The C.S.U.D. includes:
 - (a) the Director of the C.S.U.D., appointed by the Rector following a public competition organised by the legal representative of the I.O.S.U.D.-U.B. based on its own methodology approved by the Senate of U.B.;
 - (b) 11 members, doctoral supervisors, elected on the basis of their own methodology for designating the members of the C.S.U.D., ensuring the representation of the main doctoral schools and the widest possible coverage of the scientific fields;
 - (c) 5 doctoral students elected by universal, direct, secret and equal vote of the doctoral students from all doctoral schools, from among the doctoral students of all doctoral schools.
- (7) The Director of C.S.U.D. must have the quality of doctoral supervisor and the academic rank of Full Professor. The quality of Director of the C.S.U.D. is incompatible with that of director or member of the board of the doctoral school. If two or more doctoral schools operate in a faculty, a maximum of one representative of one doctoral school may be appointed a member of the C.S.U.D. The number of positions for doctoral supervisors in the C.S.U.D. is established on the basis of quotas calculated on groups of doctoral schools, from related fields, based on the Methodology for designating the members of the C.S.U.D.

- (8) The establishment of the C.S.U.D. for a mandate is made in the following order: the appointment of the Director of the C.S.U.D.; the simultaneous election of the members provided for in paragraph (6), letters b) and c).

Art. 5.

- (1) The C.S.U.D. shall meet in ordinary meetings monthly, or in extraordinary meetings whenever necessary, at the request of the Director of the C.S.U.D. or of at least one third of its members.
- (2) The meetings of the C.S.U.D. are validly constituted if at least two-thirds of the members participate, and the documents of the C.S.U.D. are adopted by a simple majority of the members present.
- (3) The meetings of the C.S.U.D. are chaired by the Director of the C.S.U.D., who also signs the documents of the C.S.U.D.. If the Director of the C.S.U.D. is unable to exercise his duties, the C.S.U.D. designates, from among its members (except for doctoral students), a temporary replacement.
- (4) The Rector, Vice-Rectors and directors of doctoral schools who are not members of the C.S.U.D. may participate in the meetings of the C.S.U.D. without the right to vote. The Director of the C.S.U.D. may invite the deans of the faculties and other persons to participate in the meetings.
- (5) If the urgency of making a decision so requires, the Director of the C.S.U.D. may decide to hold the meeting in the virtual space and to take decisions by electronic voting or in hybrid format.

Art. 6.

- (1) C.S.U.D. has the following attributions:
 - (a) elaborates and submits for approval to the U.B. Senate, the Regulations for the organisation and conduct of doctoral study programmes;
 - (b) establishes the I.O.D.S. strategy and adopts the methodology regarding the internal standards and procedures for periodic quality assessment and professional ethics applicable during doctoral studies;
 - (c) approves the draft of the U.B. Regulation on the organisation and conduct of the admission contest to doctoral studies;
 - (d) approves the U.B. Procedure for the completion of doctoral studies;
 - (e) approves the curricula of doctoral schools;
 - (f) approves the draft of the Methodology for the designation of the members of the C.S.U.D.;
 - (g) approves the draft of the Methodology for conducting the public competition for the position

of Director of the C.S.U.D.;

- (h) formulates the proposals regarding the establishment, organisation, division, merger or dissolution of a doctoral school, within one or more faculties or in partnerships or consortia with other higher education institutions or with research and development units, after the assent of the faculty council and the Board of Directors (C.A.), which he/she submits to the approval of the U.B. Senate;
- (i) approves the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the doctoral schools;
- (j) approves the doctoral study programmes of the doctoral schools and those organised jointly with other I.O.D.S., in the country or abroad;
- (k) approves the draft of the framework contract for doctoral studies;
- (l) approves the fees regarding doctoral studies, proposed by the councils of doctoral schools and faculty councils, submits them to the approval of the Board of Directors and submits them for approval to the U.B. Senate;
- (m) approves the framework model of co-supervision/doctoral co-supervision agreements;
- (n) approves, in collaboration with the International Relations Department, where applicable, the documents, agreements and partnerships regarding the institutional collaborations between the doctoral schools of the University, as well as between the doctoral schools of the University and doctoral schools within another I.O.D.S. in the country or abroad, including regarding the participation in international consortia and the performance of doctoral studies in co-supervision/co-direction with another doctoral school within the University or with another I.O.D.S. in the country or abroad;
- (o) endorses and submits to the U.B. Senate for approval, the applications for the exercise of doctoral supervision, after obtaining the prior approval of the doctoral school council and the faculty council;
- (p) adopts the necessary measures to ensure the quality of doctoral studies, for the proper conduct of the periodic evaluations of doctoral schools and doctoral supervisors, for the observance of the norms of ethics and deontology of doctoral supervisors and doctoral students, based on a methodology of the I.O.D.S.-U.B.;
- (q) approves the applications of doctoral students for financial support for research internships in the country or abroad, following the agreement of the doctoral supervisor and the opinion of the Council of the Doctoral School;
- (r) mediates conflicts between doctoral students and doctoral schools, as well as, in case of non-resolution by the councils of doctoral schools, conflicts between doctoral students and doctoral

supervisors.

(2) The C.S.U.D. exercises the other attributions established by the Law, the Framework Regulation, the Charter, this Regulation or by other normative acts.

(3) The Director of the C.S.U.D. has the following attributions:

- a) approves the applications of doctoral students for financial support for research internships in the country or abroad, following the agreement of the doctoral supervisor and the opinion of the Council of the Doctoral School;
- b) approves the requests of doctoral students regarding the duration of doctoral studies by extension and/or interruption;
- c) analyses and decides to initiate the procedure for public defense of the doctoral thesis;
- d) approves the composition of the doctoral committee proposed by the doctoral supervisor and endorsed by the doctoral school;
- e) exercises other duties delegated by the rector, by the U.B. Senate or the C.S.U.D.

Chapter IV - The Doctoral School

Art. 7.

- (1) Doctoral schools operate within the faculties of the University, having a rank equal to that of a department. Within a faculty there is only one doctoral school. By exception, in well-justified cases, two or more doctoral schools may operate within a faculty, a doctoral school may operate within the structure of two or more faculties or under the direct subordination of the C.S.U.D.
- (2) The establishment of doctoral schools shall be carried out according to the provisions of art. 6 paragraph (1) letter h) of this Regulation. A doctoral school can be established if it includes at least 3 doctoral supervisors in the field for which doctoral studies are organised.
- (3) Doctoral schools can also be organised in partnerships or consortia with other higher education institutions or with research and development units, in the country or abroad.
- (4) The doctoral school ensures the training of doctoral students through teaching, seminar, evaluation, scientific research, technological development, appropriate to the specificity of the doctoral fields in which the study programmes are organised.
- (5) The director of the doctoral school carries out the management and operational leadership of the doctoral school. He/she is responsible for the elaboration and implementation of the curricula, for

the staffing tables, for research and quality management.

- (6) The director of the doctoral school is responsible for the selection, hiring, periodic evaluation, training, motivation and termination of the contractual employment relations of the staff, in accordance with the provisions of the U.B. Charter.
- (7) The staffing tables of the doctoral schools are drawn up at the level of the doctoral schools in consultation with their members and are endorsed by the council of the doctoral school, the faculty council, by the Director of the C.S.U.D., by the Rector and are approved by the U.B. Senate. The staffing tables can include the positions of doctoral supervisors who opt for it, as well as those of the research staff, doctoral students and members of the academic guidance and integrity committee.
- (8) The doctoral school community includes doctoral supervisors, affiliated teaching and research staff who are not doctoral supervisors, doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, members of the academic guidance and integrity committees, auxiliary teaching staff and non-teaching staff.

Art. 8.

- (1) The doctoral supervisors of a doctoral school meet in the General Assembly (A.G.) at least once a semester.
- (2) A.G. are legally organised regardless of the number of doctoral supervisors who participate. The decisions shall be adopted by the vote of the absolute majority of the members present. The decisions have an advisory character for the council of the doctoral school, except in cases where the Law, Code, Charter, the U.B. Regulation or the Regulation of the doctoral school provide otherwise.
- (3) The members of the doctoral school council who are not doctoral supervisors, the director of the C.S.U.D., the dean of the faculty and the vice-deans may participate in the meetings, without the right to vote. The director of the doctoral school may invite the directors of the other departments, as well as other persons with attributions of interest to the activity of the doctoral school, to participate in the meetings.
- (4) The director of the doctoral school can decide to carry out the A.G. in the virtual space and to make decisions by electronic voting.

Art. 9.

- (1) The number of members of the doctoral school council is established by the faculty council, in relation to the total number of doctoral supervisors, and is:

- (a) 3 members, in the case of up to 5 doctoral supervisors inclusive;
 - (b) 3 or 5 members, in the case of 6 to 10 doctoral supervisors inclusive;
 - (c) 5 or 7 members, in the case of at least 11 doctoral supervisors.
- (2) The Council of the Doctoral School is composed of tenured doctoral supervisors, as follows:
- (a) if there are 3 members: the director of the doctoral school, a doctoral supervisor that is a member of the doctoral school and a doctoral student;
 - (b) if there are 5 members: 3 doctoral supervisors that are members of the doctoral school (one of whom is the director of the doctoral school) and 2 doctoral students;
 - (c) if there are 7 members: 5 doctoral supervisors (one of whom is the director of the doctoral school) and 2 doctoral students;
 - (d) In the case of doctoral schools organised in partnerships with other institutions, according to the law, the doctoral school council may be composed of representatives of partner institutions, without executive powers, in accordance with the provisions of the partnership agreement.
- (3) The members of the doctoral school council are elected by the doctoral supervisors with the right to vote, according to the Law, the Framework Regulation and the U.B. Charter. The doctoral students who are members of the doctoral school council are elected by universal, direct and secret vote of the doctoral students within the doctoral school, in compliance with the provisions of paragraph (5).
- (4) In order to be elected to the board of the doctoral school, the doctoral supervisor who is a member of the doctoral school must have the right to vote and the right to run, according to the Law, the Framework Regulation and the Charter.
- (5) 2 doctoral students who have the same doctoral supervisor cannot be part of the doctoral school council at the same time.
- (6) The director of the doctoral school is elected by direct vote from among the titular doctoral supervisors who have the right to vote and to apply, according to the Law, the Framework Regulation and the Charter, and who hold the academic rank of Full Professor or – by exception – of Associate Professor and is a tenured member of the U.B. The Director is a member of the council of the doctoral school, within the limit of the number of members who have the quality of doctoral supervisor.
- (7) The constitution of the doctoral school council for one term of office is made in the following order:
- a) election and appointment of the director of the doctoral school;
 - b) the election of the doctoral supervisor member(s);
 - c) the election of the member(s) of the doctoral student members elected by universal, direct and secret vote of the doctoral students within the doctoral school, in compliance

with the provisions of paragraph (5).

- (8) The election of the council and the director of the doctoral school is endorsed by the faculty council and by the C.S.U.D. or, in the case of a doctoral school under the direct subordination of the C.S.U.D., by the C.S.U.D. The results of the elections are validated by the U.B. Senate.
- (9) The mandate of the members of the doctoral school council is 5 years.

Art.10.

- (1) The Council of the Doctoral School meets both in ordinary meetings at least twice per semester, and in extraordinary meetings, at the summoning of the director of the Doctoral School.
- (2) The meetings of the doctoral school council are chaired by the director of the doctoral school, who also signs the documents of the doctoral school council. If the director of the doctoral school is unable to exercise his/her duties, the council of the doctoral school appoints a temporary replacement from among its members (except for the doctoral student/doctoral students).
- (3) The meetings of the doctoral school council are legally organised if at least two-thirds of the members participate. The acts of the Council of the Doctoral School shall be adopted by a majority of the members present, subject to the favorable vote of the absolute majority of the members of the Council of the Doctoral School.
- (4) In the case of doctoral schools organised in partnership with other institutions, the regulations of the doctoral schools may provide for different modalities of participation in the doctoral school council and decision-making, approved by the partnership contract.
- (5) The director of the doctoral school can decide to hold the meeting in the virtual space and to make decisions by electronic vote.
- (6) The meetings of the doctoral school council may be attended by the director of the C.S.U.D., the dean, the vice-deans, as well as the director of the center for advanced doctoral studies, the director of the postdoctoral center, the director of the master's study center and the directors of the research centers or laboratories within the doctoral school. The director of the doctoral school may invite the directors of the departments and other persons with attributions of interest for the activity of the doctoral school to participate in the meetings.

Art. 11.

- (1) The Council of the Doctoral School has the following attributions:
 - (a) adopts the regulations of the doctoral school, which it submits for approval to the doctoral supervisors and the faculty council and for the approval of the C.S.U.D.;

- (b) adopts the methodology regarding the internal standards and procedures for periodic assessment of quality and professional ethics;
- (c) adopts the doctoral study programme, including the training programme based on advanced university studies, which it submits for approval to the Faculty Council and for C.S.U.D. approval;
- (d) may recognize the completion of previous doctoral stages and/or scientific research internship/scholarship stages, carried out in the country or abroad, in higher education institutions or in recognised research centers, as well as the completion of courses within the Master's degree programmes.
- (e) decides the establishment, within the doctoral school, of the Center for Advanced Doctoral Studies, adopts the regulation and appoints its director, from among the doctoral supervisors;
- (f) decides the establishment, within the doctoral school, of the postdoctoral center, adopts the Regulation, appoints its director and approves the postdoctoral research plans;
- (g) decides to establish, within the doctoral school, the Center for Research Master's Studies and adopts its Regulation, which it submits for approval to the Faculty Council;
- (h) adopts the research Master's degree study programmes within the doctoral school, which it submits for approval to the Faculty Council;
- (i) decides the establishment, within the doctoral school, of research centers or laboratories, approves their Regulations and appoints their directors;
- (j) approves and substantiates, according to its own standards and criteria, the acquiring and termination of the quality of member of the doctoral school of the teaching or research staff having the quality of doctoral supervisor;
- (k) establishes standards and approves the affiliation and termination of affiliation to the Doctoral School of teaching and research staff who are not doctoral supervisors and who carry out teaching or research activities at the doctoral school, including as members of the academic guidance and integrity committees;
- (l) establishes standards and approves the official referees who are members of the doctoral committees and the composition of the doctoral committees;
- (m) establishes standards for external persons and for doctoral students applying for membership of the Doctoral School Council;
- (n) establishes the minimum and indicative criteria for the content and form of the doctoral admission competition and approves the enrollment of doctoral students;
- (o) adopts the template/model of the graduation certificate of the training programme based

on advanced university studies;

- (p) establishes the requirements for the elaboration and the standard format of the doctoral thesis;
 - (q) elaborates the framework model of doctoral co-supervision agreements of the doctoral school and submits it for approval to the C.S.U.D.;
 - (r) decides to conclude acts, agreements and partnerships regarding institutional collaborations with other doctoral schools of the University, as well as with doctoral schools within other I.O.D.S.', in the country or abroad, including on participation in international consortia and carrying out doctoral studies in co-supervision with another doctoral school within the University or with another I.O.D.S. in the country or abroad, and submits them to the C.S.U.D. for approval;
 - (s) adopts the necessary measures to ensure the quality of doctoral studies, for the proper conduct of the periodic evaluations of the doctoral school and doctoral supervisors, for the observance of the norms of ethics and deontology by doctoral supervisors and doctoral students;
 - (t) approves the applications of doctoral students for financial support for carrying out research internships in the country or abroad, following the agreement of the doctoral supervisor, and submits them for approval to the Director of the C.S.U.D.;
 - (u) approves the requests of doctoral students for extension, reduction, interruption or resumption of the doctoral activity;
 - (v) establishes the regime of intellectual property rights for the doctoral thesis;
 - (w) mediates conflicts between doctoral students and doctoral supervisors;
 - (x) decides to change the doctoral supervisor;
 - (y) may initiate the procedure for granting the quality of Professor Emeritus to (Full) Professors who have the quality of doctoral supervisor, upon retirement.
- (2) The Council of the Doctoral School exercises the other attributions established by the Law, the Framework Regulation, the Charter, this Regulation, the Regulation of the Doctoral School or other normative acts.

Chapter V - The doctoral supervisor

Art. 12.

- (1) A tenured professor or researcher, with an employment contract for an indefinite period and the

main position in the U.B., having the quality of doctoral supervisor, may become a member of the doctoral school that operates within the faculty where he/she carries out their academic workload, with the approval of the U.B. Senate, after obtaining the opinions of the doctoral school council, the faculty council and the C.S.U.D. If within the same faculty there are two or more doctoral schools, the doctoral supervisor chooses the doctoral school in which he/she becomes a member, with the approval of the Council of the Doctoral School and of the Faculty Council. In exceptional, well-justified cases, a doctoral supervisor may be a member of two doctoral schools within the U.B., provided that he/she has obtained habilitation in two specific fields or if one of these doctoral schools has a multidisciplinary character. The acquisition of the quality of member of the second doctoral school is conditioned by the prior agreement of the majority of the doctoral supervisors within it, by the opinion of the faculty council subordinated to the respective doctoral school and by the approval by the C.S.U.D. with the majority of its members, provided that the number of votes against is not more than 5. The doctoral supervisor can supervise doctoral students only in the fields for which he/she is qualified, except for theses under cotutelage. These rules also apply in the establishment of new doctoral schools, the merger or division of the existing ones, including for inter- and/or multidisciplinary doctoral schools.

- (2) The position of a doctoral supervisor is registered either in the staffing table of a department or in the staffing table of the doctoral school, according to the decision of the doctoral supervisor. In order to have the main position in the staffing table of the doctoral school, it is necessary that more than half of the activity of the doctoral supervisor is carried out at the doctoral school.
- (3) The doctoral supervisor is subordinated to the director of the doctoral school, for the part of the workload regarding the activity within the doctoral school, and to the director of the department, for the part of the regarding the activity within the department, regardless of whether the position is in the staffing table of the doctoral school or that of the department.
- (4) Doctoral supervisors who reach retirement age and who are effectively involved in the activities of the doctoral school may continue their activity as doctoral supervisors, under the conditions of the Law, either under a fixed-term employment contract or on an hourly basis, including as professors emeriti. They retain their quality of doctoral supervisor and that of member of the doctoral school and can continue the guidance of their doctoral students under the same conditions as the tenured doctoral supervisors until they disaffiliate from the doctoral school. In order to guide new doctoral students, the agreement of the doctoral school council is required. Doctoral supervisors who no longer have doctoral students in coordination can keep their membership of the doctoral school for a fixed period of 3 years, with the approval of the doctoral school council and with the right to

renewal.

- (5) If the retired doctoral supervisor wishes to cease the activity of doctoral supervision, he/she submits an application to the management of the doctoral school and renounces the membership of the doctoral school. In this case, the board of the doctoral school decides on the takeover of doctoral students by other doctoral supervisors, with their consent.
- (6) Tenured doctoral supervisors who have not reached retirement age, but do not have any doctoral student in coordination, retain their membership of the doctoral school for a fixed period of 4 years. After this period, the membership of the doctoral school can be maintained for a maximum period of 2 years, with the approval of the doctoral school council and with the right of renewal. Doctoral supervisors with positions reserved under the law are exempted.
- (7) Doctoral supervisors who are not tenured and no longer coordinate any doctoral student for 3 years are automatically withdrawn from their membership of the doctoral school. This quality can be regained by going through the procedure for applying for doctoral supervision within the U.B.
- (8) Persons who have the status of doctoral supervisor without having the quality of tenured in the U.B. and who wish to exercise it within a doctoral school of the U.B. may become members of it with the approval of the doctoral school council, the faculty council, the C.S.U.D. and with the approval of the U.B. Senate and may supervise doctorates under the same conditions as the titular doctoral supervisors.
- (9) The number of doctoral students, in various stages of doctoral studies, who can be simultaneously supervised by a doctoral supervisor working at the U.B. is 8. Above this limit, starting with the 2026-2027 academic year, but without exceeding the maximum number of 12 doctoral students for no more than 20% of the doctoral supervisors in a doctoral school, the prior approval of the board of the doctoral school of which the doctoral supervisor is a member and the approval of the U.B. Senate is required.
- (10) The maximum number of doctoral students who can be simultaneously supervised by a doctoral supervisor working within the U.B., provided for in paragraph (9), may be exceeded only exceptionally and only for a fixed period. This situation may exist in the case of resumption of the doctoral programme after interruption or of taking over the guidance of doctoral students from other doctoral supervisors. It is necessary to obtain the approval of the board of the doctoral school to which he/she belongs and of the C.S.U.D. The respective doctoral supervisor shall not put out to competition new vacant positions of doctoral students until the number of doctoral students supervised simultaneously falls below the maximum number provided for in paragraph (9).
- (11) They are not included in the number of doctoral students provided for in paragraphs (9) and

(10), on the date of the doctoral admission competition: doctoral students who are in a period of interruption of activity; doctoral students who have publicly defended their doctoral thesis, but have not yet been validated; doctoral students who rewrite or complete the thesis following failure to pass the public defense or invalidation; doctoral students in co-supervision/co-direction, for whom the doctoral supervisor does not have the main quality.

(12) The doctoral supervisor is supported in his/her activity with the doctoral student by an academic guidance and integrity committee, that usually consists of 3 members. At least one member of this committee is from outside the I.O.D.S. The members of the academic guidance and integrity committee cannot be nominated in the committee for public defense of the doctoral thesis. The doctoral supervisor may, based on sound reasons, modify the composition of the academic guidance and integrity committee.

(13) The rights of the doctoral supervisor include:

- (a) the right to guide and evaluate the activity of the doctoral student, with respect for professional and university autonomy;
- (b) the right to propose the academic guidance and integrity committee and the public defense committee of the doctoral thesis;
- (c) the right to an impartial internal and external evaluation based on a methodology specific to the evaluation process, the content of which has been brought to the attention of all doctoral supervisors;
- (d) the right to know the results of the internal and external evaluation of one's own activity;
- (e) the right to refuse to declare a candidate admitted to the competition for admission to doctoral studies and to refuse to supervise the doctoral thesis on one of the topics he has proposed, if he considers that there are elements that do not allow the development of the doctoral degree programme in good conditions;
- (f) the right to refuse to continue supervising a doctoral thesis, when he/she considers that there is or may arise a situation of conflict of interest and/or violation of legal and/or deontological norms;
- (g) the right to refuse to take over the guidance of a doctoral student from another doctoral supervisor, when he considers that there is or may arise a situation of conflict of interest and/or violation of legal and/or deontological rules and standards;
- (h) the right to request the doctoral school to organise an admission contest for each vacant doctoral student position in its portfolio;
- (i) the right to decide the elements to study within the training programme based on advanced

university studies in which the doctoral student must participate, in compliance with the rules established by the doctoral school.

- (14) The duties of the doctoral supervisor include:
- (a) to ensure the scientific, professional and deontological guidance of each doctoral student;
 - (b) to provide assistance in the scientific research activity of the doctoral student;
 - (c) propose research topics;
 - (d) to objectively and rigorously monitor and evaluate the activity of doctoral students;
 - (e) to support the mobility of doctoral students;
 - (f) to avoid conflicts of interest in the guidance of doctoral students;
 - (g) to ensure that the research activity carried out by the doctoral student complies with the principles and rules of ethics specific to the research field and, where appropriate, to request the approval of this activity by the specialized committee, before its actual start.
- (15) A doctoral supervisor can simultaneously supervise a maximum of 4 postdoctoral researchers. The provisions of paragraphs (9), (10) and (11) shall be applied accordingly.
- (16) The total cumulative maximum number of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers who can be supervised simultaneously by a doctoral supervisor may not, under any circumstances, be more than 16.

Art. 13.

- (1) The academic workload of a Full Professor, respectively of an Associate Professor, respectively of a Lecturer, who has the quality of doctoral supervisor, is established in accordance with the provisions of art. 211 (12) of the Law no. 199/2023 on Higher Education.
- (2) The academic workload for doctoral supervision can be conducted for a maximum of 12 doctoral students, for the period of doctoral studies encompassing the timelapse from enrollment to the public defense of the doctoral thesis, including for those in the extension of the doctoral programme. Doctoral students who are not included in the maximum number of 12 doctoral students who can be supervised simultaneously are not regulated.
- (3) The number of coordinated doctoral students considered for the regulation is the one on the first day of the academic year and is not influenced by the increase (by the resumption of activity after interruption, taking over students from another doctoral supervisor, the activity of redoing or completing the doctoral thesis, etc.) or the decrease (by defending the doctoral thesis, interruption, expulsion, changing of the doctoral supervisor, deaths, etc.) of the number of doctoral students during the academic year.

- (4) There are 0.5 conventional hours for each doctoral student who writes the doctoral thesis in Romanian and $0.5 \times 1.25 = 0.63$ conventional hours for each doctoral student who writes the doctoral thesis in an international language.
- (5) In the case of co-supervision/co-direction, regardless of its type (interdisciplinary, national, international), only the activity of the main doctoral supervisor at the UB is regulated.
- (6) At the training programme based on advanced university studies, the average weekly workload registered in the academic staffing table is calculated starting from the total number of physical hours provided in the curriculum, divided by 28 weeks and multiplied by the coefficients of 2.5 conventional hours per hour of course in Romanian or 1.5 hours conventional hours of seminar in Romanian, to which an additional multiplication coefficient of 1.25 is applied for activities carried out in an international language.
- (7) In the case of postdoctoral supervision, the same rules are applied for regulation as in the case of doctoral supervision; the supervision of no more than 4 postdoctoral researchers can be regulated.
- (8) The doctoral supervisors who coordinated doctoral students who, after defending the doctoral thesis, obtained the title of Doctor, will benefit from salary increases at the proposal of the Director of C.S.U.D., with the approval of the Board of Directors. The quantum of the salary increase will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Art. 14.

- (1) The director of the doctoral school represents a management position and shall be paid equivalently to a department director according to the salary scale, even if his position is part of the academic staffing table of a department.
- (2) The director of the center for advanced doctoral studies, the director of the postdoctoral center, the director of the master's study center and the directors of the research centers or laboratories, all within the doctoral school, do not represent management positions and are not salaried.
- (3) The members of the doctoral students' academic guidance and integrity committees are remunerated cumulatively at the pre-defense of the doctoral thesis, at a value equal to the equivalent of 16 conventional hours, but not more than 1000 lei gross.
- (4) For situations in which the members of academic guidance and integrity committees have been previously remunerated for their activity in these committees for periods prior to the entry into force of these amendments to the Hourly Payment Methodology, the amounts received until the date of entry into force of these amendments shall be deducted from the amount due in paragraph (3).

- (5) If a member of the academic guidance and integrity committee withdraws or is replaced at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor, with the approval of the doctoral school council, he/she will lose the due rights mentioned in paragraph (3). The newly appointed member of the academic guidance and integrity committee shall receive an amount calculated according to Art. 14 (3), proportional to the number of years in which he/she has worked in the academic guidance and integrity committee.
- (6) The members of the doctoral committee are remunerated in the hourly payment system, according to the standards and ceilings approved by the Board of Directors. It is regulated as follows:
- (a) the president of the committee: 2 conventional hours for participation in the public defence;
 - (b) doctoral supervisor: 15 conventional hours for the preparation of the report and participation in the public defense. In the case of theses in co-supervision/co-direction, the rule applies to both doctoral supervisors;
 - (c) official reviewers: 10 conventional hours for the preparation of the report and 2 conventional hours for participation in the public defense.

Chapter VI The doctoral student

Art. 15.

- (1) The doctoral student has the status provided by the Law, the Framework Regulation, the U.B. Charter, these Regulations, the regulations of the doctoral school and the other norms adopted by the U.B., the faculty and the doctoral school.
- (2) The rights and obligations of the doctoral student are established by the doctoral study contract concluded between him/her, the doctoral supervisor and the legal representative of the institution.
- (3) The doctoral student has the following rights:
- (a) to benefit from the support, guidance and coordination of the doctoral supervisor;
 - (b) to be represented in the decision-making forums of the doctoral school;
 - (c) to enroll in courses and seminars organised by other doctoral schools, in compliance with the regulations established by them;
 - (d) to be informed about the curriculum of doctoral studies within the doctoral school;
 - (e) to participate in seminars, working meetings, lectures of the research staff of the I.O.S.U.D. when relevant topics for the elaboration of the doctoral thesis are discussed;

- (f) to carry out research activities relevant to the doctoral study programme together with teams of researchers from I.O.D.S. or from research and development units that have concluded institutional agreements or partnerships with I.O.D.S.-U.B.;
 - (g) to be co-opted into the research project teams within the I.O.D.S.-U.B. who carry out activities relevant to the subject of the doctoral thesis;
 - (h) to benefit from national or international mobility;
 - (i) to benefit from institutional support for participation in international conferences, congresses, summer/winter schools in the chosen field of the doctoral thesis, in accordance with the U.B. Methodology for encouraging the performance in the research activity of doctoral students;
 - (j) to benefit from support services which I.O.D.S.-U.B. provides for its students, including accommodation and canteen;
- (4) The doctoral student has the following obligations:
- (a) to comply with the programme and deadlines established together with the doctoral supervisor and to fulfill the obligations to support the research papers and results;
 - (b) to be in permanent contact with the doctoral supervisor and to respect the institutional discipline;
 - (c) to comply with the principles of ethics and academic integrity, the standards of academic integrity, during the doctoral studies and the elaboration of the doctoral thesis.
 - (d) to ensure that the research activity carried out complies with the principles and ethical standards specific to the research field and, where appropriate, to request the approval of this activity by the specialized committee, before its actual start.
 - (e) to carry out the mandatory activities proposed by the C.S.U.D. and approved by the Senate.
- (5) The mandatory activities of doctoral students during the four years of doctoral studies, both for those enrolled in full-time education and for those enrolled in part-time education, are:
- (a) participation in at least two international conferences with an oral or poster communication, in an international language as follows:
 - two abroad, for students enrolled in full-time education;
 - at least one abroad, for those in part-time education;
 - (b) participation in at least one national conference organised outside the U.B., with an oral communication;
 - (c) presentation of the results of the doctoral thesis at at least one conference of the doctoral school;

- (d) participation in a training session for writing scientific projects, managing research projects and attracting financial resources, organised at U.B. level, at national or European level;
 - (e) participation in the public defenses of doctoral theses and habilitation theses in the doctoral field in which the doctoral student from U.B. is enrolled, which can be examples of good practice, at least 4 public defenses over the 4 years.
- (6) In addition to the 5 mandatory activities listed in paragraph (5), on the recommendation of the doctoral supervisor and depending on the specifics of the doctoral field, the doctoral students enrolled in the full-time education form will choose 5 other mandatory activities from the list below, and those enrolled in the part-time education form will choose 2 other mandatory activities from the same list:
- (a) participation in at least one training session for writing scientific articles organised at U.B. level, at national or international level;
 - (b) participation in scientific events/debates on research topics organised at the level of doctoral schools, faculties, U.B., I.C.U.B., having as guests established/recognized researchers in the field of doctoral thesis as well as in the official sessions of awarding the titles of Doctor Honoris Causa by U.B.
 - (c) attendance at courses, seminars, exams, evaluations held by the doctoral supervisor at Bachelor's or Master's Degree programmes, at least one activity per academic year;
 - (d) participation in a summer school in the country or abroad in the field of the doctoral thesis;
 - (e) participation in at least one training session in the field of ethics of scientific research, organised at UB level;
 - (f) participation in at least one orientation, counseling, coaching programme for the career of scientific researcher offered at institutional level;
 - (g) exposing to the general public, in a public session, the recent achievements at international level in the field in which the doctoral thesis is elaborated, and popularizing them, within the activities on the promotion of science by the U.B.;
 - (h) participation in organising committees for summer schools, conferences, scientific communication sessions, science promotion actions; organising of scientific seminars, hands-on learning workshops;
 - (i) involvement on topics related to the doctoral thesis in international scientific collaboration networks, from CIVIS or from other networks in the country or abroad, indicated by the doctoral supervisor;
 - (j) involvement in a volunteering activity (e.g. involvement in the monitoring and management

of the websites of doctoral schools, social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) in the faculty committees for supervision or granting of scholarships, other events of institutional or social interest).

- (7) The doctoral students enrolled in the full-time form of education will present in the monthly reports in a section dedicated to compulsory activities, a description of them in the month of completion, which will include the proof of participation/involvement (attendance list, certificate from the organisers, etc.) endorsed by the doctoral supervisor.
- (8) The doctoral students enrolled in the part-time form of education will prepare a semester report, which, in addition to the section dedicated to the research activity, will contain a section dedicated to the compulsory activities, with a description of them and the indication of the periods when they were carried out, which will include proof of participation/involvement (attendance list, certificate, from the organisers, etc.) endorsed by the doctoral supervisor.
- (9) At least half of the compulsory activities will be carried out in the first three years of the doctoral studies programme. Every six months, the directors of the doctoral schools will submit a report to the C.S.U.D. on the situation of the mandatory activities for each doctoral student. The procedure for completing the doctoral studies will be initiated only after the completion of the mandatory activities in the chosen portfolio.
- (10) The mandatory activities of doctoral students will be included in the doctoral study contract, which is concluded with each doctoral student and is signed by the doctoral student, the doctoral supervisor and the legal representative of the I.O.D.S. For doctoral students enrolled in previous years, a number of mandatory activities will be fixed by an addendum to the concluded doctoral studies contract, proportional to the number of years remaining in the doctoral programme, at least 2 activities per year. The activities carried out by doctoral students before the academic year 2025/2026, which are among those listed in art. 6, will be taken into account when accounting for the total number of mandatory activities performed
- (11) For the doctoral training activity, the doctoral student is under the authority of the doctoral supervisor (of both doctoral supervisors, in the case of co-supervision/co-direction), assisted by the academic guidance and integrity committee, as well as under the authority of the council and the director of the doctoral school.
- (12) In order to ensure a coherent scientific path, the doctoral student holds, at his request and at least once every 12 months, a presentation of the progress of his scientific research programme in front of the academic guidance and integrity committee and the doctoral supervisor, who have the role to guide, correct and support the scientific path of the doctoral student.

- (13) For the teaching activity, the doctoral student is under the authority of the course/discipline holder, as well as of the council and director of the department and of the council and director of the doctoral school.
- (14) The duration of doctoral studies is 4 years. For good reasons, the duration can be extended by a maximum of 2 years, under the law.
- (15) Doctoral studies may be interrupted, for good reasons, for a maximum period of 3 years, under the law.
- (16) The duration of doctoral studies is extended with the cumulative periods of interruption and/or extension. As a rule, the cumulative interruption and/or extension periods may not exceed 5 years. To these are added, as an extension without charge, the period that elapses between the official submission of the doctoral thesis and the issuance of the Doctoral Diploma-so as not to affect the right of the doctoral student to publicly defend the doctoral thesis.
- (17) The doctoral student may submit the requests regarding the changes that occurred during the doctoral studies at the doctoral school where he/she is enrolled, as a rule, before the effect produced by the request.
- (18) At the request of the doctoral student, which must be well-founded, the council of the doctoral school may decide to change the doctoral supervisor: if the non-fulfillment of the legal or contractual obligations assumed by the latter has been ascertained, for reasons related to the guidance relationship between the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral student or if the unavailability of the doctoral supervisor is found. Within a maximum of 30 days, the council of the doctoral school designates, with the approval of the director of the doctoral school and the management of I.O.D.S.-U.B., another doctoral supervisor within the same field specified in the study contract, having as priority the possibility that the doctoral student can complete the doctoral programme.
- (19) If no available doctoral supervisor is identified, I.O.D.S.-U.B. takes steps to facilitate the academic mobility of the doctoral student within the same field but at another I.O.D.S.
- (20) The public defense of the doctoral thesis is the exam for the completion of the doctoral studies. The defense of the doctoral thesis in a public meeting takes place in front of the public defense committee, hereinafter referred to as the "doctoral committee", after going through the internal procedure for completing the doctoral studies. The date for the public defense of the doctoral thesis can take place only after the favourable evaluation of the doctoral thesis by all the members of the committee, in accordance with the internal procedure for the completion of doctoral studies.
- (21) I.O.D.S.-U.B. issues the decision to award the doctoral diploma signed by the rector, prepares

and issues the doctoral diploma within 30 calendar days from the receipt of the assent from the C.N.A.T.D.C.U. regarding the observance of the administrative procedure carried out at the level of the I.O.S.U.D.-U.B.

- (22) The quality of doctoral student ceases upon the issuance of the expulsion order.
- (23) The doctoral student becomes a graduate upon the official submission of the doctoral thesis at the secretariat of the doctoral school, and after completing all the subsequent stages related to the completion of the doctoral studies, the title of Doctor is awarded by issuing the doctoral diploma.

Chapter VII – Admission to doctoral studies

Art.16.

- (1) A candidate for the doctoral student position will be declared admitted to the doctoral studies organised within the U.B. after completing the selection process for the vacant positions for doctoral student established by the doctoral supervisors of each doctoral school of the U.B., proposed for occupation during the admission sessions organised by the U.B., through each doctoral school.
- (2) Within the U.B., the priority fields and areas of interest are established by the doctoral supervisors, in order to be approved by the council of the doctoral school. The U.B. establishes the institutional strategy for their financing, the form of funding being approved by the C.S.U.D. before the vacant positions of doctoral student are put out to competition.
- (3) The selection of candidates for a vacant position of doctoral student is made by the doctoral school following an admission competition, conducted according to this Regulation, in compliance with the following stages:
 - (a) registration of candidates;
 - (b) the selection process of candidates for the places financed by doctoral grants and those on a fee-paying basis;
 - (c) the distribution of candidates on places financed from the state budget through doctoral grants and on those with fee;
 - (d) posting the results of admission and solving the appeals.
- (4) The admission contest for doctoral studies takes place at the relevant faculty, by field of study, in the presence of the doctoral supervisor. In the case of the Interdisciplinary School of Doctoral Studies – I.S.D.S.-U.B., the place of the admission contest is announced on its website.
- (5) The admission contest can be held physically or by videoconference, in compliance with the legal

provisions. In the latter case, it is mandatory to make an audio-video recording of the admission competition, which is archived together with the other admission documents.

- (6) In principle, the doctoral supervisor is part of the admission committee.
- (7) If, for various reasons, the doctoral supervisor is not part of the committee, he will be asked for his agreement on the coordination of the candidate in order to fill the vacant position for doctoral student. Its agreement must be formulated in writing and sent to the management of the doctoral school. In the absence of an agreement, the committee will recommend the candidate to collaborate with another doctoral supervisor who has an available vacant position for doctoral student, with a close scientific theme. The candidate who does not receive the consent of any doctoral supervisor until the completion of the competition procedure will be declared rejected.
- (8) The ranking of the candidates who presented themselves for admission is made in descending order of the admission average, in order to occupy the budgeted positions, respectively those on fee-paying regime previously allocated by the C.S.U.D., and is carried out by the admission committee based on the Admission Regulation of the doctoral school.
- (9) The allocation of positions financed by doctoral grants from the state budget is made by the competition committee by classifying all candidates in a doctoral field on a single list.
- (10) In case of equal averages, the selection of candidates will be made based on the criteria provided in the Admission Regulation of the doctoral school.
- (11) The single list includes all candidates declared admitted, specifying whether they are admitted on positions funded from the state budget or on fee-paying regime, and depending on their options.

Chapter VIII - Transitional and Final Provisions

Art. 17.

- (1) For doctoral students enrolled in doctoral studies prior to 02.10.2023, the rules for conducting doctoral studies in accordance with the legislation in force at the time of admission apply, except for the public defence procedure, as follows:
 - (a) if the rector's order regarding the appointment of the doctoral committee is issued by September 30, 2024 inclusive, the procedure for organising the public defense is carried out according to the provisions prior to Law no. 199/2023, in accordance with the legislation in force at the time of the admission, with a deadline for holding the public defence no later than December 31, 2024.

- (b) if the Rector's order regarding the appointment of the doctoral committee is issued after September 30, 2024, the public defense will comply with the provisions of the Framework Regulation approved by O.M.E. no. 3020/2024 and those of the Procedure for the completion of doctoral studies at the level of the University of Bucharest approved by the C.S.U.D.

Art. 18.

The provisions of art. 14 paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) as well as those of art. 15 paragraphs (5) – (10) will enter into force starting with the academic year 2025/2026.

Art. 19.

The director of the doctoral school and the director of the council of the doctoral school elected on the basis of the legislation prior to Law no. 199/2023 continue their activity until the end of the mandate, under the conditions of the law. In case the position of director of a doctoral school or that of elected member of the council of the doctoral school becomes vacant, partial elections are organised based on the legislation in force at the time of its establishment.

Art. 20.

- (1) This Regulation is supplemented by the general provisions of the Framework Regulation and is the basis of the regulations of the doctoral school, as well as any regulations of the U.B. on the quality standards correlated with the minimum standards for awarding the Doctoral Degree and with the guide on the writing of doctoral theses developed by C.N.A.T.D.C.U.
- (2) The U.B. Senate may approve derogations from this Regulation, in exceptional and thoroughly justified situations, in compliance with the provisions of the Law, the Framework Regulation and the U.B. Charter.
- (3) These Rules of Procedure were adopted by the U.B. Senate in its meeting of July 17, 2024, amended in the U.B. Senate meetings of October 23, 2024, November 20, 2024, March 19, 2025 and enter into force 3 days after their posting on the official website of U.B., and from 18.02.2026 www.unibuc.ro and www.doctorat.unibuc.ro

RECTOR,
Professor Marian PREDA