

ADMISSION CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE ACADEMIC COMMISSION

Applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria.

C1. Studies that give access to the doctoral program (score 0–10)

- Master's studies at the University of Barcelona (UB) related to the research lines of the program: **10 points**
- Master's studies from prestigious universities, related to the research lines of the program: **up to 8 points**

C2. Candidate's grant or contract (score 0–10)

- Competitive state, national, and UB scholarships (FI, FI-SDUR, UB Predocs / FPI / FPU): **10 points**
- Official international scholarships (Marie Curie and foreign grants with annual compensation equivalent to or higher than the state grants listed above): **10 points**
- Research program contracts: **6 points**
- Other scholarships and contracts: **up to 4 points**

C3. Suitability for the program (score 0–10 points)

- Candidate's curriculum and achievements: **up to 4 points**
- Letter of recommendation (preferably from a researcher linked to the program): **up to 5 points**
- Motivation letter: **up to 1 point**

C4. Prioritization order (applying gender policy).

The total score for each candidate is calculated as:

$$P = C1 + C2 + C3$$

Two candidates with a P score difference of **four points or less** are considered equivalent.

In cases of equivalent scores, **female candidates** will be prioritized.

C5. Minimum score.

A **minimum score of 16 points** is required to be included in the prioritized applicant list.

Additional candidate selection requirements

Maximum number of doctoral students per supervisor:

- Co-supervisions count the same as sole supervisions.
- Only in exceptional and well-justified cases may the Academic Committee of the doctoral program allow this limit to be exceeded, if deemed appropriate and if the number of available places allows.
- In any case, the maximum total number of enrolled students per supervisor is 8.

Thesis supervisors from the Faculty:

- At least one supervisor must be part of the Doctoral Program.
- In exceptional cases where this condition is not met, the Academic Committee of the doctoral program may evaluate the admission or continuation of the student.

Admission priority into the program:

- Candidates will be admitted in order of score as specified in Annex I, depending on remaining capacity.
- A minimum of 5 places will be reserved for the second enrollment period. Candidates not admitted in the first period due to lack of places may reapply during this second period.

During the first period, in the case of doctoral candidates without a grant or contract, or in cases of uncertainty (e.g., low scores), the Academic Committee of the program may postpone the decision to the second period of enrollment.