DOCTORAL STUDIES

Students who meet the access requirements may apply for admission to the programme.

The Doctoral Committee will evaluate a candidate's previous studies to ensure that they have sufficient training to successfully complete a doctoral thesis in one of the doctoral programme's research areas. Candidates will always be considered to have satisfactory training if they hold a research-oriented official master's degree that is fully or partially associated with the programme, and if the research area they wish to study is in line with the subjects taken on the master's degree. If a candidate is admitted, the Doctoral Committee will assign one or more thesis supervisors.

The application for admission - Spanish qualifications or the application for admission - non-Spanish qualifications should be completed and submitted to the Secretary's Office for Students and Teaching Staff at the Faculty of Mathematics on the dates given in the annual calendar. Candidates should attach the original and a copy of the qualifications that grant access to the programme, as well as certificates of studies that indicate the subjects taken and the grades. If their studies were completed at the University of Barcelona, candidates only needs to submit the academic certificates. Students who completed their studies outside of Spain must submit all documents translated into Catalan or Spanish.

Candidates will apply for admission to one of the programme’s research areas. Their application must be evaluated by a tutor associated with the area. They must also include a proposal for one or more thesis supervisors, at least one of whom will be a lecturer associated with the research area. All thesis supervisors must have doctoral degree certificates. Exceptionally, one or more supervisors who are not associated with the programme can be proposed. The committee will ensure in all cases that external supervisors or co-supervisors meet the quality requirements for guiding a doctoral thesis on the programme. If the supervisor or all co-supervisors are external to the programme, the Doctoral Committee will allocate a lecturer who is associated with the research area to act as the academic tutor.

The application must be signed by the student, the lecturer who has endorsed it, and the thesis supervisor or co-supervisors.

Within 30 days from the end of the application period, the Doctoral Committee will assess the documents that have been submitted. The student will be informed of the Committee’s decision. If the application is approved, the thesis supervisor or co-supervisors and the Secretary's Office for Students and Teaching Staff at the Faculty of Mathematics will also be informed.
Once accepted, the student will sign a commitment agreement with the supervisor or co-supervisors, using the template established by the University of Barcelona. The agreement will state whether the student will study full- or part-time on the programme, and will indicate the dedication of the supervisor or co-supervisors. This document must be submitted when the student enrols for the first time for thesis tutorials, and will form part of the student's records.

Students who have been accepted on the programme and have not yet defended their doctoral thesis must enrol every academic year for thesis tutorials, during the periods established by the University of Barcelona. They must pay the enrolment fee and abide by the conditions and procedures specified in the corresponding academic and financial regulations.

Students accepted for the programme's research period will be associated with the Faculty of Mathematics for all administrative procedures related to academic tutorials.