

Explanatory document on access options for pre-enrolment on the doctoral programme

Access via:

- **Degree + Master's**
(For holders of official Spanish undergraduate and University Master's degrees, provided that they have passed at least 300 ECTS credits over the course of the study programmes)
- **Degree + UPV/EHU Master's pending completion**
(Applies solely to UPV/EHU students who have yet to complete their Master's programme, on the condition that they have passed the course prior to the end of the doctoral programme registration period)
- **Official university studies (300 credits, with at least 60 deriving from a Master's programme)**
For students who have official university Master's qualifications of 60, 90, or 120 credits)
- **Official university studies (300 credits, with at least 60 deriving from a UPV/EHU Master's programme pending completion)**
(Applies solely to UPV/EHU students with official university Master's qualifications of 60, 90, or 120 credits pending completion, on the condition that they have passed the course prior to the end of the doctoral programme registration period)
- **Degree with 300 ECTS credits (additional training to be taken)**
(For students who hold an official state Graduate qualification lasting at least 300 ECTS credits in line with community law (EU). Holders of these qualifications must study certain compulsory additional training modules as dictated by the Doctoral Programme, unless the curriculum of the corresponding degree qualification included research training credits equivalent in value to Master's-level research credits)
Holders of degrees in Medicine, Pharmacy, or Dentistry can access the programme without a Master's degree.

- **UPV/EHU degree with 300 ECTS credits pending completion (additional training to be taken)**
*(Applies solely to UPV/EHU students studying the official state Graduate qualification lasting at least 300 ECTS credits in line with community law (EU). Holders of these qualifications must study certain compulsory additional training modules as dictated by the Doctoral Programme, unless the curriculum of the corresponding degree qualification included research training credits equivalent in value to Master's-level research credits.
Registration will be subject to students passing their degree prior to the end of the doctoral programme registration period)
Holders of degrees in Medicine, Pharmacy or Dentistry can access the programme without a Master's degree.*

- **Specialist degree in Health Sciences (2 years)**
(University graduates who have already obtained a training place in the corresponding test to access specialist healthcare training, who have passed at least two years of training in a programme leading to an official degree in one of the Health Sciences specialisms)

- **Foreign degrees**
(For graduates with a Master's or degree from an overseas educational system, without the need for it to be officially validated in Spain.) UPV/EHU will check the qualification represents a level of training equivalent to official state University Master's studies and that the qualification is sufficient to lead to doctoral studies in the issuing country, and candidates must present the corresponding certificate.

***In cases where degrees have been officially validated as equivalent by the Ministry the "Officially validated" option should be selected in GAUR, and if not "Other degree" should be selected.**

- **Doctoral degree**
(Graduates holding another state Doctoral degree)
- **Students with prior doctoral-level studies with research competence or DEA**
(For graduates with a Diploma in Advanced Studies (DEA) obtained in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 778/1998 of 30 April, or those

with a level of research competence regulated by Royal Decree 185/1985 of 23 January)

- Official studies prior to the EHEA system (old Bachelor's (Licenciaturas, Engineer's (Ingenierías), or Architect's (Arquitecturas) degrees)

(For graduates with official Spanish university degrees obtained in line with previous university classification systems, ie. Bachelor's (Licenciaturas, Engineer's (Ingenierías), or Architect's (Arquitecturas) who over the course of their official university studies passed a minimum of 300 ECTS credits of which at least 60 are considered to be Master's level)

***For more information see the [Instructions on regulating access to doctoral programmes from older qualifications \(prior to RD 1393/2007\)](#)**