



## PHD PROGRAM IN VETERINARY SCIENCES

### Organization

The program consists of the preparation and defence of a doctoral thesis that must necessarily incorporate original research results. The student's activity is mainly research, but it is accompanied by a series of specific training activities that are carried out in parallel with the development of the thesis.

### Training activities

#### *Attendance at seminars, conferences and congresses*

The student must attend seminars, conferences, symposia and congresses related to his/her research topic, as well as courses on research training.

The minimum dedication to these activities for full-time students will be 10 hours/year. Students enrolled on a part-time basis will be able to dedicate a smaller number of hours, in any case completing at the end of their studies a total number of hours equivalent to that of full-time students.

For the evaluation of this activity, the student will sign an attendance sheet or present a certificate of attendance/submission of scientific contribution.

#### *Presentation of a seminar*

The student will publicly present at least one seminar in which he or she will systematically describe part of the research that is the subject of his or her doctoral thesis. The topic will be selected according to the tutor and/or the supervisor(s) of the thesis. The activity will count for 25 hours of student work.

The seminars are evaluated by the tutor and/ the supervisor/s of the thesis, as well as by the Academic Committee of the PhD Program.

#### *Preparation of a research article*

From the second year for full-time and the third year for part-time students, the student will write a research article for publication in a journal indexed in the first half of the corresponding subject in the Journal Citation Reports.



### *Other activities*

To obtain the "International Doctor" mention it will be necessary to carry out a research stay in other countries, preferably after the second year of training, and with a minimum duration of three months.

### **Research areas**

The program includes the activity of 30 research groups attached to the Faculty of Veterinary Science, whose members also collaborate with researchers from numerous national and international universities and research centres in the implementation of projects, student placements, evaluation and supervision of doctoral theses, and publication of scientific papers.

The research activity of the Programme includes six main areas in which all the subjects of Veterinary Science are included:

- 1) Microbiology, Parasitology, Immunology and Animal Health
- 2) Animal Medicine and Surgery
- 3) Technology, Hygiene and Food Safety
- 4) Animal Production, Nutrition and Genetics
- 5) Toxicology and Pharmacology
- 6) Animal Physiology, Endocrinology and Nervous System

### **Duration of the studies**

The duration of doctoral studies is three years for full-time students, starting from the admission of the student to the Programme until the presentation of the doctoral thesis. After the three-year period has elapsed, the Academic Committee of the Programme may authorise the extension of this period by one more year, which may exceptionally be extended for an additional year.



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In the case of part-time students, the studies will last five years from admission until the presentation of the doctoral thesis. At the end of this period, the Academic Committee may authorize an extension of two more years, which may exceptionally be extended for an additional year.