

## What is the Doctoral Thesis?

The doctoral thesis consists of an **original research project** carried out by the candidate in any field of knowledge. The training received during the thesis must enable the doctoral candidate to work independently in the field of R&D.

## What is the Industrial Doctorate?

The Industrial Doctorate is the same as any Doctoral Thesis, but in this case, the distinction of Industrial Doctorate can be awarded to a Doctoral Thesis that is carried out in the context of an **industrial research or experimental development project** in a company. (RD 99/2011, 28 January).

## Characteristics of the Industrial Doctorate

- The doctoral candidate is a **company employee** who is **enrolled** in a doctoral programme at the **UPV**.
- The maximum duration is 4 years for candidates enrolled full-time or 7 years part-time.
- It can be carried out by a recent **graduate or by an employee already working in the company** with a Master's degree.

## Access to and use of the company's data and ownership of the results of the research

The access and use of the company's data by the Doctoral candidate are determined in the **collaboration agreement**, as well as the ownership of the results and the extent to which they are protected **before the start** of the project.

Spanish law requires the open publication of the thesis once completed and encourages the publication of results. However, when necessary, there are tools to guarantee the fulfilment of confidentiality contracts.

## Company-UPV-Doctoral Student Collaboration Agreement:

- Collaboration agreements are administered by the Doctoral School with the UPV Legal Service.

## Advantages for the company

### Financing >>>> [more information here](#)

- Financing for hiring doctoral candidates (AEI, AVI...).
- Access to R&D-related grants and subsidies (Spain, Europe).
- Tax deductions and allowances for R&D projects.
- Obtention of the Innovative SME seal. (Royal Decree 475/2014, 13 June, on rebates on Social Security contributions for research personnel)

### Business competitiveness

- Development of a new R&D project or improvement of your company.
- Access to state-of-the-art scientific and technological equipment at the UPV.
- Possibility of collaborating with UPV researchers who can provide experience and knowledge in specific areas.

### Human Resources

- Talent recruitment.
- Optimising the cost of recruitment, training and development.

### Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- Facilitation of CSR implementation.
- Improvement of the impact of business activity on customers, employees, the environment and society in general.