



Implementation of the plans to extend the final term of the doctoral courses for a.y. 2019/2020 referred to in the Decree Law "Relaunch" May 19, 2020, n. 34

The art. 236, paragraph 5 of Decree-Law May 19, 2020, n. 34 has establishes:

“Doctoral candidates who end the doctoral course in the academic year 2019/2020 and holding a scholarship, in accordance to the decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research February 8, 2013 No. 45, and Article 4 of Law July 3, 1998 No.210, may apply for an extension of the final date of the course, including the grant, not exceeding two months. [...] For the purposes referred to in this paragraph, the ordinary financing fund referred to in Article 5, paragraph 1, letter a) of Law no. 537 of 24 December 1993 shall be increased by 15 million euros for the year 2020”.

The Administrative Board of Sapienza University, transposing the above, has establishes in July 21, 2020:

- 1. PhD students who do not hold scholarships and who finish their doctoral course in the academic year 2019/2020 may apply for an extension of the final date of the course not exceeding two months, as well as PhD students who hold scholarships, with the prior authorisation of their administration if they are public employees;*
- 2. the Board of Professors, following the application for an extension of the PhD student, shall evaluate the reasons given and communicate the outcome to the PhD Office, in compliance with its own competence;*
- 3. the extension is reserved to Phd students who have still to end their course by the end of the year. 2019/2020 (October 31st). PhD students who have already completed the recovery of a period of suspension and sent their thesis to the external referees at the date of the issuance of Decree-Law of 19 May 2020, are excluded from the possibility the extension;*
- 4. if the scholarship is funded by a public and private Institution other than Sapienza, the Administration will require to this institution the additional two instalments, in accordance with the obligatins laid down in the Agreement.*

Therefore:



- a) Phd students wishing to take advantage of the extension can apply to the coordinator by accessing Infostud: <https://www.studenti.uniroma1.it/phoenix/#/login> section PHD **by 15 September 2020**;
- b) the coordinator will submit the request for the approval of the Board of Professors and will validate the request with the date of the resolution by accessing https://phd.uniroma1.it/referee_back **by 15 October 2020**; any refusal must be fully justified.

As a consequence of what above, the deadlines already communicated with reg. n. 113117 of 18/12/2019 (available on the web page <https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/modules-coordinators-and-exam-commissions>) shall be amended as follows:

- **by 31 December 2020** (previously by 31 October) the PhD students must submit the thesis to the external referees by means of the online platform, available from November 2019 at: <https://www.studenti.uniroma1.it/phoenix/#/login>;
- **by 28 February 2021** (previously by 15 December) the external referees must give their evaluation in order to allow the Boards of Professors to the procedure of the admission to the final exam;
- **by 30 Aprile 2021** (previously by 28 February) the PhD students must defend the thesis and attain the Doctoral Degree, without prejudice to possible, justified postponement;
- Phd Students that must recover a period of suspension shall defend the thesis with the students of the subsequent cycle.

The Examination Boards should be provided with template of the report of the final exam available on the web page <https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/modules-coordinators-and-exam-commissions>

The receipts confirming completion of the Almalaurea Questionnaire of the Candidates must be attached to the examination report.

No copy of the thesis must be supplied either in paper form or by electronic means to the Phd office. PhD students must upload the thesis on the online IRIS platform after the final exam.

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