



To Coordinators of the PhD courses

Implementation of the plans to extend the final term of the doctoral courses for a.y. 2019/2020 referred to in Law December 18, 2020, n. 176

Dear Coordinators,

the Law December 18, 2020, n. 176, published on the Official Journal n. 43/L of December 24, 2020, art. 21 bis "Measures for the extension of the doctoral courses", has establishes:

Due to the prosecuting sanitary emergency caused by COVID-19, Doctoral students who end their doctoral course in the academic year 2019/2020 and who have already obtained the previous two-months extension (referred to in Decree Law "Relaunch" May 19, 2020, n. 34, converted and modified by Law July 17, 2020, n.77) can apply for a period of extension, not exceeding three months, of the final date of the course, including the grant.

PhD students who do not hold scholarships may apply for an extension, as well as employees of the public administration on leave for the attendance of a Doctoral course. In this last case their public administration is allowed to extend the period of leave for the same number of months.

We inform you that the informatic procedure to request the extension, by January 18, 2021, will be again available on the webpage <https://www.studenti.uniroma1.it/phoenix/#/login>.

The coordinator will approve or refuse the request after the evaluation by the Board of Professors, of the reasons of the request and the real and present needs of extension, by January 22, 2021, accessing <https://phd.uniroma1.it/dottorati/>.

In case of approval, the informatic system will require to fill in the duration of the extension (in months); any refusal will have to be justified in a notes field.

The strict time limits is due to the intention to avoid further interruptions in the payment of the scholarship.

We inform that, also according to ministerial circular n. 15076 of December 30, 2020:



- the present procedure is only addressed to Doctoral students who end their doctoral course in the academic year 2019/2020 and who have already obtained the previous two-months extension (referred to in Decree Law "Relaunch" May 19, 2020, n. 34);
- if the scholarship is funded by a public and private Institution other than Sapienza, the Administration will require the additional three instalments, in accordance with the obligations laid down in the Agreement.

As a consequence of what above, the deadlines already communicated with reg. n. 54479 of July 31, 2020, and with reg. n.92464 of December 14, 2020 (available on the web page

https://www.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/field_file_allegati/stampigliata_proroga_circolare_coordinatori.pdf) shall be amended as follows:

- **by 31 March 2021** (previously by 31 December) the PhD students must submit the thesis to the external referees by means of the online platform, where the coordinators have previously to fill in the names of the external referees accessing: https://phd.uniroma1.it/referee_back;
- **by 31 May 2021** (previously by 28 February) 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 31 July 2021** (previously by 30 April) the PhD students must defend their thesis and attain the Doctoral Degree, without prejudice to possible, justified postponements;
- Phd Students who must recover a period of suspension, or whose external referees have decided for a referral, shall defend their thesis with the students of the subsequent cycle.

Best wishes

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