To PhD Coordinators

Object: new extension of the final term of the doctoral courses for a.y. 2020/2021

Dear Coordinators,

The D.L. n. 4/2022 published on the Gazzetta Ufficiale n. 21 on January 27th 2022, art. 19 co.4 and 5” has established the following:

“Considering the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, Doctoral students who have been granted an extension according to art. 33 comm. 2-bis and 2-ter of Decree Law of 22nd March 2021 n. 411, and who complete their PhD Programme in a. y. 2020/2021 [meaning that: they belong to 34th cycles and previous cycles and they are recovering a period of suspension; they should have completed the legal duration of the course on October 31st 2021] are allowed to submit an additional request to extend the final term of their course not exceeding three months, at no charge to the public administration. ”2

Therefore, we ask the coordinators to collect the requests for extension submitted by the PhD students enrolled to their PhD Programme, to verify the existing subjective conditions mentioned above and the necessity of applying for the extension; if the conditions are fulfilled, the coordinators are also requested to insert on the designated platform the names of the PhD Students who have been granted the extension, logging in with their credentials at https://phd.uniroma1.it/dottorati/.

Doctoral students who have been granted the extension must meet the following deadlines for the delivery and the discussion of the Thesis:

- **By April 30th 2022** (previously January 31st 2022): the doctoral students must submit their Thesis to the external referees by means of the online platform, where the coordinators should previously insert the external referees’ names by logging in at https://phd.uniroma1.it/referee_back;
- **By June 15th 2022** the external referees must give their evaluation in order to proceed with the admission to the final exam;
- **By September 30th 2022** (previously May 31st) the doctoral students must defend the thesis and attain the Doctoral Degree, without prejudice to possible, justified postponement.

Doctoral students that must recover a period of suspension shall defend the thesis with the PhD students of the subsequent cycle.

The AROF Director

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1 Converted with adjustments from May 21st 2021 law n. 69.
2 [...] Universities are in any case allowed to fund scholarships that cover the extension period, with their own resources or with resources coming from agreements with other public or private parties. 5. PhD students not holding a scholarship and employees of the public administration who are on leave for the attendance of the PhD course and who can receive an extension of the leave equal to the PhD course extension from the relevant public administration can apply as well.