**SPECIFIC AGREEMENT ON JOINT SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL THESES**

This Agreementis entered into inCastelló de la Plana, on … ………… 202…

**BY AND BETWEEN**

The Universitat Jaume I, with tax code Q-6250003-H and its registered office in Castelló de la Plana, Spain (Av. Sos Baynat, s/n, 12071), represented by its Rector, Eva Alcón Soler, appointed by Decree 60/2022, of 20 May, of the Valencian Government and acting on behalf of the University by virtue of the powers conferred upon her by Article 71.1.*i* of the Statutes of the Universitat Jaume I, approved by Decree 95/2021, of 9 July, of the Valencian Government (and published in DOGV 9128 dated 15 July 2021),

**AND**

The organisation ………………………………….………………………, with tax code ……………………………………… and its registered office in ………………………………….………………………………….., represented by ….………………………………………………, the holder of identity document number …………………………..., by virtue of the powers conferred upon him/her by ………………………………………………………………………….

The two parties mutually acknowledge that they have sufficient legal capacity to enter into this agreement in accordance with the following

# GENERAL CLAUSES

**1.** This agreement, which regulates the preparation of doctoral theses leading to the award of a doctoral degree, must observe the following regulations of ........................................................ (*name of country*).

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And the following regulations in force in Spain:

* Spanish Organic Law 6/2001, dated 21 December, on Universities, as amended by Spanish Organic Law 4/2007, dated 12 April.
* Spanish Royal Decree 1393/2007, dated 29 October, on the organisation of official university studies, as drafted in Spanish Royal Decree 861/2010, dated 2 July.
* Spanish Royal Decree 99/2011, dated 28 January, regulating official doctoral studies.
* Royal Decree 96/2014, of 14 February, amending Royal Decrees 1027/2011, of 15 July, establishing the Spanish Qualifications Frameworks in the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA).
* Spanish Royal Decree 1393/2007, dated 29 October, on the organisation of official university studies.
* Spanish Royal Decree 43/2015, dated 2 February, amending Spanish Royal Decree 1393/2007, dated 29 October, on the organisation of official university studies.
* Spanish Royal Decree 99/2011, dated 28 January, regulating official doctoral studies.
* Statutes of the Universitat Jaume I, approved by Decree 116/2010, dated 27 August, of the Council of the Valencian Government.
* Chapter IV of the Universitat Jaume I Regulations on Doctoral Studies, governed by Royal Decree 99/2011, approved by the University’s Governing Council in session number 19 of 26 January 2012, and amended on 11 December 2012 and on 15 December 2014.
* Management regulations on the production of doctoral theses under international joint supervision, which were approved by the Governing Council at their meeting number 11/2015 on 24 November 2015.

**2.** The intellectual property rights to the results obtained during the joint research project are protected by the corresponding laws in force in each supervisor’s country.

**3.** The results obtained from the joint research project may not give rise to patents or commercial exploitation by one of the institutions without prior written authorisation from the other. As far as possible, any patents issued must be presented jointly. If one of the institutions does not reply to a proposal from the other within a period of 90 (ninety) days, the one that has made the proposal is entitled to apply for the patent in its name alone. The two institutions are subject to their respective national regulations as regards patents. The free publication or exchange of scientific results does not imply prior authorisation or any financial contribution except insofar as this programme is affected by confidentiality, an industrial agreement or public research rules.

# ADMINISTRATIVE CLAUSES

**1.** The Universitat Jaume I and the University ……………………………………….... hereby agree, in accordance with the legislation in force in their respective countries and the internal regulations of each university, that they will jointly organise the supervision of a doctoral thesis for the benefit of the student whose details are listed below:

Full name:

Valid identity document:

Date and place of birth:

Nationality:

Doctoral programme:

Doctoral thesis title:

The student concerned meets the requirements necessary for undertaking the preparation of a doctoral thesis.

**2.** The thesis must be prepared in alternate periods of time at the two institutions: the Universitat Jaume I and the University ……………………………….………………………………..

The minimum period of time spent at each university must be six months (*continuously or distributed over different stages*). The rest of the period must be completed at the other institution in accordance with the following time schedule:

(*The calendar specifying the periods spent at each university must be included here*)

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The Steering Committee of the Doctoral School of the UJI and the …………………………………………………………………………………………………… (*corresponding body*) of the University ……………………………….…………………… may authorise a variation in the periods spent at each institution, upon request from the thesis supervisors from the two universities.

**3.** The doctoral student must apply for admission to the appropriate doctoral programme and register at each of the two universities. They must pay the registration fees at ……………………………….………………………………. (*name of the University*) and will be exempted from paying the registration fees at ……………………………….…………………………… (*name of the University*).

The doctoral student shall be recognised as a student of the two universities and will benefit from the services and facilities of both.

**4.** The doctoral student must register the subject addressed in the doctoral thesis at the two universities, in accordance with the regulations applicable on this issue in the two education systems involved.

**5.** The doctoral student must take out a main insurance policy in the country where they pay the tuition fees. In addition, the student must take out a supplementary insurance policy in the country where the other University is based insofar as the main insurance policy does not include health or civil liability coverage in that country during the course or the studies pursued.

**6.** The Universitat Jaume I and the University ……………………………….………………………………. must ensure that the conditions necessary for the correct preparation of the doctoral thesis are met.

**7.** The Universitat Jaume I and the University ……………………………….………………………………. must comply with the current regulations on privacy and data protection regarding personal data processed during the administrative management of doctoral students, as well as any other person involved in doctoral studies, such as supervisors, tutors, reviewers, etc.

**8.** Both universities will be deemed responsible for the processing of any personal data provided by the student or the other institution. They therefore agree to implement all appropriate organisational, technical and human measures to protect these data in compliance with the regulations in force.

**9.** Both universities will share the personal data related to the academic and administrative management of the beneficiary of this agreement with the aim of enabling the mutual recognition of the activities undertaken. This set of data disclosed to the other university shall be kept to the minimum amount necessary to achieve the purpose of this agreement and students must be informed of this disclosure.

**10.** The personal data received from the other organisation must not be used for any purpose other than the one established in this agreement.

**11.** The Universitat Jaume I and the University ……………………………….………………………………. must maintain their own record of processing activities under their individual responsibility:

* At the Universitat Jaume I, the institutional record of processing activities, under the responsibility of the General Secretary, must be used. The activities must be included in the “Doctoral studies” category, for which the Director of the Doctoral School is internally responsible, and the stipulations of which can be consulted at [https://www.uji.es/protecciodades/clausules/?t=u076](https://www.uji.es/protecciodades/clausules/?t=U076).
* At the University ……………………………….……………………………….

**12.** Amendments to this inter-institutional agreement may be made as long as they are set out in a written document signed by the two parties.

# ACADEMIC CLAUSES

**1.** The preliminary title of the doctoral thesis is ………………………………………………………………………….

**2.** The doctoral student must do their work under the control and responsibility of the following thesis supervisors:

– At the Universitat Jaume I, Dr ……………………………….…………………………………….

– At the University ……………………………….…………………, Dr ……………………………….…………………………….

Both of them undertake to perform their roles as supervisors in full, and the coordination of their activities will be based on the exchange of information and periodical meetings.

**3.** The thesis will be written in ……………………………….……………. (*language*).

(*If the language is other than Spanish or Catalan, add the following paragraph.)*

The thesis must include an extensive summary in Catalan or Spanish, which must be a part of the bound copy of the thesis and must include the following:

* The purpose and objectives of the research
* The approach and methodology applied
* Original contributions
* Conclusions drawn and future lines of research

**4.** The authorisation for the thesis defence must be granted by the two institutions signatory to this agreement after all the legal procedures have been completed.

**5.** The doctoral thesis will be deposited at both universities, in accordance with the regulations in force at each of them.

**6.** The thesis must be defended in a single session to be held at the University ……………………………….……………………………………………. and will be subject to the regulations in force at that university. This defence will be recognised by the two universities. To that end, the university hosting the defence will send the other university a certificate accrediting the date of the defence, the grade awarded and the composition of the thesis examination panel. A report including the equivalence of the grade awarded with those used in the Spanish system will also be submitted.

**7.** If appropriate, the doctoral student must pay the fees for the doctoral thesis presentation and defence only at the university where it takes place.

**8.** The members of the thesis examination panel must be appointed in accordance with the regulations applicable at the University where the defence takes place.

**9.** The organisation of the doctoral thesis presentation and defence session, and all the effects thereof, will be the responsibility of the institution where the session takes place.

**10.** After the thesis has been defended with the approval of the panel, and by virtue of this agreement, the Universitat Jaume I and the University ……………………………….……………………… will recognise the validity of the doctoral thesis defended, and each institution will award the corresponding degree of Doctor.

**11.** The publication, exploitation and protection of the research results arising from the research conducted must be guaranteed by the two institutions in due compliance with the specific procedures in each country.

The protection of the intellectual property rights corresponding to the subject of the thesis and to the publication and exploitation of the academic results registered must comply with the legislation in force and must be executed by means of the specific procedures that are relevant in each of the countries participating in this agreement.

**12.** This agreement will remain in force during the period in which the jointly supervised thesis is being prepared.

**13.** The doctoral student shall abide by the rules and regulations that are in force in the two countries as regards the presentation, identification and reproduction of theses. The administrative and teaching relationships between the student and the Universitat Jaume I will be governed by the legal provisions of Spanish Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29 October, and by those of Spanish Royal Decree 99/2010, of 28 January. Consequently, all the procedures, requirements and conditions set out therein must be complied with during the execution and implementation of the agreement. In the event of any conflict between the agreement provisions and the aforementioned regulations, the latter will prevail.

This agreement is drawn up in duplicate, in ………………….………………………………………… (*language*) and in Valencian or Spanish, and is signed, on behalf of the Universitat Jaume I, by its Rector, and on behalf of the University ……………………………….……………………………………………. , by its (*position of the signatory*). Each of the two institutions will retain a copy of the agreement in each language.

In witness whereof, the parties sign two copies of this document in the place and on the date set forth above.

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| For the Universitat Jaume I  The Rector  Eva Alcón Soler | For the University ……………………………….……  The ……………………………….…………… [Position]  [Full name] |