

**Rector's Decree no. 305 of 22/7/2026**

**on the Regulations of the Luiss Doctoral School**

**The Rector**

- having regard to Law No. 168 of 9 May 1989, which established the Ministry of University and Scientific Research and Technology;
- having regard to Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 on "Rules on the organisation of universities, academic staff and recruitment, as well as delegation to the Government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system";
- having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, by which the Ministry of University and Research issued the "Regulations on the procedures for the accreditation of doctoral institutions and courses and the criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies";
- having regard to the Statute of Autonomy of Luiss – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli;
- having regard to the General Regulations of the Luiss University – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli;
- having regard to the Regulations for PhD Programmes of Luiss – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli;
- Having regard to the resolution of the Academic Senate of Luiss Guido Carli in the session of 17 June 2026;
- Having regard to the resolution of the Board of Directors of Luiss Guido Carli in the meeting of 8 July 2026

**Hereby decrees**

the issuance of the Regulations of the Luiss Guido Carli Doctoral School, in the text attached to this Decree, of which it forms an integral and substantial part.

***Signer by the Rector  
Prof. Paolo Boccardelli***

## **Regulations of the Luiss Doctoral School**

(Approved by the Luiss Board of Directors at its meeting of 8 July 2026,  
on the proposal of the Academic Senate at its meeting of 17 June 2026)

## **TITLE I**

### **Purposes and activities of the Luiss Doctoral School**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Scope of application**

These regulations govern the purposes, activities and organisation of the Luiss Doctoral School, hereinafter also referred to as the PhD School.

#### **Art. 2**

##### **purpose**

The Doctoral School is established by the Board of Directors on the proposal of the Academic Senate, pursuant to Article 7(i) of the University Statute and Article 5(1) of the Doctoral Regulations, with the aim of coordinating the Doctoral Programmes by creating synergies on procedural, quality and cross-training aspects, while strengthening the backbone of the national and international network of Doctoral Programmes, fundraising and placement.

The Doctoral School is governed by its own regulations aimed at defining coordination activities, common teaching activities and related processes.

#### **Art. 3**

##### **Activities of the Doctoral School**

The Doctoral School operates with full recognition of the roles of the individual Departments in determining the educational offering of the Doctoral Programmes and in identifying the composition of the Academic Board, in compliance with ministerial and University guidelines.

The activities of the Doctoral School are:

- a) the coordination of PhD Programmes, through the definition of guidelines and the promotion of common training activities for PhD students
- b) the promotion and coordination of the development of cross-disciplinary skills common to several Doctoral Programmes, including through the definition of training proposals of a disciplinary, interdisciplinary, professional and research skills nature;
- c) the monitoring of PhD Courses through the management of Quality Assurance processes and related indicators – both the ministerial ones provided by MUR and ANVUR, and the University's strategic ones – together with the definition of uniform parameters for assessing the performance of the courses, the progress of doctoral students and the value of scientific, teaching and research activities.
- d) the enhancement of the University's PhD Programmes, in order to increase their attractiveness for graduates from other universities, both Italian and foreign;
- e) coordination of the process of awarding scholarships to the PhD Courses active at the University for the next cycle, using internal or external funds, and submission of the relevant proposal to the Academic Senate;

- f) the creation of a more organic and extensive network of external relationships, especially with national and international production companies interested in innovation through the development of doctoral projects and the funding of additional doctoral scholarships, and the coordination of the activities and projects that the individual Doctoral Programmes carry out with external private and public bodies;
- g) strengthening the international network and promoting forms of collaboration with international universities and research institutions, aimed at fostering the internationalisation of doctoral programmes, joint supervision and mobility;
- h) the promotion of specific and structured activities dedicated to the placement of doctoral students and recent PhD graduates, including through a specific Advisor for the placement of doctoral students that the Rector may appoint, on the proposal of the Director of the Doctoral School, if any, after consulting the Doctoral School Council.

## **TITLE II**

### **Organisation and operation**

#### **Article 4**

##### **Bodies of the Doctoral School**

The bodies of the Doctoral School are:

- the Director, also referred to as the Dean
- the Doctoral School Council

#### **Art. 5**

##### **The Dean**

Pursuant to Article 5(1) of the Luiss Doctoral Regulations, the position of Director of the Doctoral School is normally held by the Vice-Rector for Research. In the event that the Rector chooses to propose a Director of the Doctoral School other than the Vice-Rector for Research, pursuant to Article 7(e) of the University Statute, and in accordance with the provisions thereof, the Board of Directors shall appoint the Director of the Doctoral School, on the proposal of the Rector, after consulting the Director General, choosing him/her from among the University's full professors.

The Director of the Doctoral School, in any case, is on an equal footing with the Deans of the Undergraduate and Graduate Schools; therefore, he/she participates – as a full member – in the meetings of the Academic Senate.

The Director:

- a) represents the School in the Academic Senate and in Luiss bodies and institutions;
- b) convenes and chairs the School Council;
- c) participates, if requested, in the meetings of the Luiss Board of Directors in cases where aspects

- concerning the Doctoral School are on the agenda of the meeting;
- d) represents the Doctoral School at national and international level, as well as in agreements that the School enters into directly with external bodies that have no economic significance;
  - e) directs and coordinates the activities of the School in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations;
  - f) directs and supervises the proper functioning of the Doctoral School, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and the Luiss regulations;
  - g) promotes the quality of PhD courses and monitors the establishment, accreditation and evaluation procedures;
  - h) provides guidelines for the implementation of placement initiatives for doctoral students and recent PhD graduates and for fundraising activities aimed at acquiring external doctoral scholarships.

### **Article 6** **The Doctoral School Council**

The Doctoral School Council is the collegial body through which the School carries out the activities listed in Article 3 of these Regulations.

The Doctoral School Council is composed of:

- the Director (or Dean)
- the Coordinators of the active Doctoral Programmes.

The School Council:

- a) acts as a liaison between the School, the Departments and the Colleges of the lecturers of the individual courses, while at the same time coordinating and monitoring the Doctoral Programmes;
- b) approves amendments to the Doctoral Regulations and the School Regulations to be submitted to the Governing Bodies;
- c) defines the common guidelines for the doctoral courses (e.g. procedures for admission and award of the qualification, accreditation procedures, procedures for the appointment of the Committees, procedures for assigning courses to lecturers, etc.) and monitors the processes relating to Quality Assurance and the definition of the relevant indicators;
- d) promotes and coordinates the planning of teaching activities of various kinds (disciplinary, interdisciplinary, professional, research skills-based, etc.) that are common to several doctoral courses;
- e) approves the signing of agreements with external parties, both relating to partnerships aimed at developing doctoral projects with funding from external scholarships, and relating to collaboration with other universities or research bodies, companies or institutions;
- f) approves the participation of Doctoral Programmes in various types of initiatives and in competitive procedures for the award of funding for doctoral scholarships;
- g) formulates opinions and proposals on the functioning and organisation of the Doctoral

Programmes, including with a view to enhancing the attractiveness of the Doctoral Courses to candidates from other national and foreign universities, and approves the training projects to be submitted to the Academic Senate;

- h) approves the issuance of admission notices and the calendar of Doctoral Programmes (start of courses, progression from one year to the next, opening ceremonies and conferment of degrees);
- i) defines and approves the use of the resources made available to the School each year and proposes to the Governing Bodies the criteria for the distribution and allocation of scholarships to the Doctoral students active in the cycle in question;
- j) expresses a mandatory opinion on proposals for the establishment and/or renewal of Doctoral Programmes;
- k) approves the plan of initiatives relating to the placement activities of doctoral students and recent graduates, drawn up by the Placement Advisor, if appointed, or by the Doctoral Coordinators, in the absence of the Advisor;
- l) performs any other functions assigned by the academic bodies of the University.

The duties of Secretary of the School Council are performed by the Head or contact person of the PhD Office, by the Head of the Area or by a faculty member designated at the beginning of the meeting.

The following may be invited to meetings of the School Council: the Rector, the Director General, the Placement Advisor, if appointed, one or more representatives of the doctoral students, depending on the nature of the items on the Agenda, the Dean of the Undergraduate School, the Dean of the Graduate School and any other delegates appointed by the Director of the Doctoral School or by the Rector.

The School Council meets at least every six months.

#### **Art. 7**

##### **Final provisions**

For anything not covered by these Regulations, reference is made to the provisions of the Luiss Statute and Regulations, as well as to current legislation.