PHD PROGRAM IN

Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH)

REGULATION STATEMENT

These General rules integrate what is already defined in 'LUM University Regulation Statement for PhD Programs', as well as in the Call for applications published by LUM University in each single cycle of the PhD in Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH).

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1. INTRODUCTION

The LUM PhD in *Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH)* is a 3-year program designed for highly qualified and motivated students who wish to acquire the research and analytical skills to lead digital and technological innovation in the healthcare sector, making a significant contribution to the advancement of medicine and the protection of public health.
Through an interdisciplinary and research-oriented approach, the PhD program seeks to foster an understanding of the complex and functional relationships between medicine and engineering, providing students not only with a solid methodological foundation but also with the critical and creative thinking skills needed to tackle emerging challenges.
The program equips doctoral candidates with both theoretical and practical tools to address complex issues in areas such as prevention, health protection, risk prediction, diagnostics, medical therapy, and surgery. Among the competencies to be developed is the use of artificial intelligence models for managing healthcare big data and developing predictive algorithms, which are essential for innovative and personalized approaches. Particular emphasis is also placed on the technological aspects of surgical practice: the integration of advanced technologies such as robotics, 3D imaging, biomechanics, and materials science enables the design of procedures with unprecedented levels of precision and safety. The training also includes genomic and anatomomorphometric analysis methodologies applied to tissues, organs, and pathologies, with the goal of extracting metric data and processing it using AI models.

The PhD program is structured into two main areas:
1. Research Methodologies and Clinical Analysis
This area strengthens the foundations of scientific research, offering doctoral students comprehensive training that spans from the application of digital anatomomorphometric analysis and biomedical imaging methods to the design of epidemiological and clinical studies. It delves into data acquisition and analysis methodologies, bioinformatics, and health data science, using approaches that integrate genetic and imaging information with clinical data, including from wearable devices. The goal is to develop the ability to conduct innovative translational studies and critically evaluate scientific evidence, promoting synergy between basic research and clinical applications.
2. Technological Innovation and Digitalization in Healthcare
This area includes modules focused on the development of digital healthcare ecosystems, from the design of telemedicine platforms and advanced medical systems to the optimization of clinical processes through advanced analytical techniques. Topics include biomedical devices, surgical robotics, and the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning for the analysis of medical data and images. Special attention is given to regulations (such as GDPR) and the governance of drugs and devices in terms of Health Technology Assessment (HTA).

The program stands out for its multidisciplinary approach, combining medical, engineering, and computational expertise. Through a curriculum rich in specialized courses, seminars, and lab activities, doctoral students will develop strong analytical skills and gain high levels of autonomy in research and in managing complex projects.
Students will attend common courses to acquire foundational knowledge in both macro-areas

and their points of integration. Subsequently, they will be able to customize their pathway by selecting courses best suited to their specific research project, up to the required number of credits.
The faculty is composed of research-oriented scholars with international scientific standing, mainly from LUM University, but also from other Italian and foreign universities.
Faculty and tutors will encourage the development of an appropriate research project, aimed at producing original results suitable for publication in internationally recognized scientific venues. This research will form the basis for the doctoral dissertation, which is required to obtain the PhD title.
Research will be conducted in collaboration with prestigious Italian and international universities and research institutes, within projects funded by regional, national, and international bodies. This will further enrich the educational experience, support knowledge transfer, and foster innovation.
At the end of each academic year, doctoral candidates are required to submit a written report to the program coordinator detailing the research activities undertaken and results achieved, as well as any participation in seminars, conferences, and other scientific initiatives, including any publications produced.
Throughout the program, students will find an atmosphere congenial to scientific research and to participation in the international scientific debate. The PhD thesis is expected to show an autonomous ability to identify problems and to design and conduct original research. It is expected that students will produce articles publishable in international journals.
A monitoring system will also be implemented to track processes and outcomes related to research, teaching, and social impact, as well as to gather feedback from doctoral candidates through surveys and analyses of their opinions. The results will be systematically reviewed.
LUM University encourages applications from international students. It values international students' presence in the program as an important contribution to its diversity and intellectual richness.

2. REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

This is the list of requirements to obtain the PhD in *Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH)* at LUM University.

After admission to the doctoral degree trajectory, the doctoral candidate is assigned to a Supervisor appointed by the Doctoral Faculty Board, among the faculty members of the LUM University. The candidate and the Supervisor establish the training and supervision plan and nominate 2 or 3 Co-Supervisors among recognized experts in the field of the training plan. Plans and Co-Supervisors must be approved as soon as possible by the Doctoral Faculty Board. At the discretion of the board, one of the supervisors may also be appointed among experts in the field from other universities, hospitals or research centers.

The supervisor and the Co-Supervisors form the PhD Committee.

At least once a year the doctoral candidate and the PhD Committee evaluate the progress of the doctoral degree trajectory. The initiative to this end will be taken by the Supervisor, or if that initiative is not forthcoming, at the request of the doctoral candidate. A brief report is made of the evaluation, which is included in the doctoral candidate's file.

In any case, the final assessment of each candidate's admission to the third year and to the

discussion of the final thesis is in charge of the Doctoral Faculty Board.

Enrolled students must attend the PhD courses held at the university, in accordance with the procedures established by the Doctoral Faculty Board and must carry out their research studies and activities regularly within the structures intended for that specific aim, in accordance with the procedures established by the Doctoral Faculty Board.

The admission to the PhD course implies an exclusive and full-time engagement of 1,500 hours per year that must be checked by the compilation of a "Register of the Activities". Students attesting less than 1,500 hours of activities per year are not allowed to complete the PhD program. Register of the Activities are periodically checked by the Coordinator of the PhD.

Within the PhD activities, PhD students are allowed to be involved in teaching activities related to undergraduate, graduated, and master courses held by LUM University and/or other national or international Institutions. Maximum teaching load allowed per student is about 3 credits (CFU) throughout the first year of the program, and about 6 credits (CFU) per year throughout the second and third year of the program. PhD students are also allowed to serve as teaching assistants (i.e., tutoring activities, exam participation, etc.) and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate theses.

In summary, throughout the 3-year program, all students must:

YEAR 1

- Be assigned a Main Advisor and define with him their own research setting, identifying the research proposal idea and two Co-Supervisors;
- Nominate the PhD Committee (see § 3):
    - Deadline is the end of the first semester (typically April).
- Prepare, Submit and Defend their Research Proposal (see § 3) throughout the second semester (typically, no later than August) in front of the PhD Committee.
- Attend the courses throughout the first and second semester;
- Pass each evaluation of the first year:
    - The minimum level is C.
    - Students who rank an exam with the level of D must repeat the exam.
    - A second D in the same course does not allow to complete the PhD.
- Pass the General Evaluation, typically taken by the end of the first year.
    - Minimum level is PhD pass.
    - The General Evaluation can be taken at most once. Students who do not pass it are not allowed to complete the PhD.

YEAR 2

- Attend the courses throughout the second year;

- Pass each evaluation of the second year:
    - The minimum level is C.
    - Students who rank an evaluation with the level of D must repeat the exam.
    - A second D in the same course does not allow to complete the PhD.
- Give at least one presentation on their research at leading national or international conferences under the supervision of their main advisor.
    - If at least an acceptance at a leading national or international conference is not reached by the end of the second year, students are not allowed to complete the PhD.
- Spend a semester abroad (at least 3 months) in leading Universities or Research Institutions (not mandatory but strongly suggested).

YEAR 3

- Spend a semester abroad (at least 3 months) at leading Universities or Research Institutions (not mandatory but strongly suggested).
- Have at least one paper accepted for publication (or at least revised and resubmitted) as first author and two as coauthor, at leading international journals under supervision of their main advisor.
    - If at least one paper as first author and two as coauthor accepted for publication, or a Revise & Resubmit (R&R), from leading international journals is not reached by the end of the third year, students are not admitted to the final defense of their PhD thesis.
    - Paper(s) accepted for publications mast be part of the PhD Thesis.
- Prepare the PhD Thesis and ask for the admission to the final evaluation, under the supervision of the main advisor.
- Defend the PhD Thesis in front of the PhD Committee at the end of the third year (typically, no later than November). Candidates must ask for the admission to the final evaluation by September 30th of the third year. The final thesis has to be submitted to the Doctoral faculty Board by October 30th of the third year, having the positive expression of the PhD Committee. A commission made of at least two members (nominated by the Doctoral faculty Board) will then deliberate on the thesis, having 30 days upon the submission of the theses to deliberate if: a) the candidate is admitted to the final evaluation; or b) the thesis requires some revisions, allowing the candidate an extension of a maximum of six months.

3. RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

This paragraph summarizes the process through which research proposals will be submitted and evaluated.

3.1. THE PROPOSAL

The aim of the process is enabling the students to elaborate a robust research proposal. Delivering a PhD research work capable of producing publishable papers entails planning of both scientific and practical issues. The proposal represents a first 'reality check' for both students and advisors.

The research forming the basis of the PhD research proposal must meet the following requirements:

a. the doctoral candidate has to carried out the research independently or has to made an essential contribution to it;

b. the research mast be conducted in accordance with the code of conduct or professional code that applies to professional conduct in the scientific field concerned and in accordance with the principles and standards as expressed in the current Italian Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

c. The proposal should be approved by the COMMITTEE FOR ETHICS AND CLINICAL RESEARCH (CERC) of the LUM University

The PhD research proposal should be a clear, concise, and well-structured document, typically between **1,500 and 3,000 words**. The format for the PhD research proposal is included in annex.

3.2. THE EVALUATION CRITERIA

The PhD Committee is called to evaluate the research proposal on the bases of the following criteria.

- Clarity: are the objectives of the proposed PhD research program clearly explained? Are the research questions consistent with the method? Is the proposed timeline consistent with the objectives? Does the proposal address both theoretical and empirical issues? Are they consistent? Is the expected theoretical contribution clearly outlined? Are the research methods suitably described? The reason why members of the PhD Committee are not necessarily experts in the field chosen by the student is to understand whether the student is capable of explaining what he/she intends to do concisely: can the student talk to non-specialist? That is a required skill if one wishes to target generalist journals (as all students should).

- Feasibility: are time and resource constraints reliably considered? The candidate ought to demonstrate awareness of the time and effort it takes to do research. The candidate thus is expected to prepare a thorough analysis of the activities he/she intends to undertake to achieve his/her research program goals. An accurate Gantt chart is expected. The proposal ought also to include an analysis of the problems that might occur and how the candidate intends to solve them (e.g., what happens if the survey does not work?).

3.3. THE EVALUATION PROCESS

3.3.1. PHD COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

At the end of the first semester (typically, no later than April), each student will communicate to the PhD Program Administrative Office the name of the members of his/her PhD committee and a preliminary title of the Research Proposal mainly identifying the research field of interest (see Annex 1).

Identifying the PhD Committee is students' responsibility, under the advice of the Supervisor.

The Committee is composed of **three/four faculty members**:

- The Supervisor, who act as President, the Co-supervisors,
- The Committee may include external member(s), provided that (s)he is a recognized expert in the discipline within which students intend to conduct their thesis research. Students who intend to include such a member should ask the permission to the PhD Coordinator.

When forming the PhD Committee, students should remember that:

- The Supervisor, the Committee member most involved in monitoring the student's research, is named by the Doctoral Faculty Board among Full professors, Associate professors and/or Assistant professors of the LUM Universities;
- Candidate selects co-supervisors among Full professor, Associate professor or Assistant professor at the LUM University or at other Italian or foreign University, hospital or research institution. The latter should be approved by the Coordinator of the program.
- Candidate are strongly encouraged to include one external member in the PhD Committee.

3.3.2. STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINAL THESIS

Students must take care of the deadlines defined in this statement, which are summarized as follows:

1. As soon as possible at the beginning of the PhD program (typically, no later than April), students must identify the members of the PhD Committee.
2. By the end of the first year (typically, no later than August), students must defend their Research Proposal in order to be allowed in preparing the Final Thesis. Students who pass the defense of the Research Proposal obtain the status of PhD Candidate.
3. Throughout the second and third, students are strongly encouraged to manage their semester abroad, visiting leading research institutions. This period as visiting

scholar should allow students to prepare their Final Thesis, extend their research competences, enlarge their own network of relationships. A research seminar is expected at the end of the visiting period, as a result of the research activity carried out by the student.

4. At the end of the third year (typically, no later than August), students must defend their PhD Thesis in front of the PhD Committee in order to be admitted to the final thesis defense in front of the Thesis Committee nominated by the Rector.

It is students' responsibility to manage the organization of:

1. **the Research Proposal defense and PhD Thesis defense. Together with the Supervisor, they are supposed to collect availabilities of the PhD Committee members and identify a date for defending their Research Proposal (by the end of first semester) and PhD Thesis defense (by the August of the third year) in front of the PhD Committee. Exact dates must be communicated to the PhD Program Administrative Office at least two weeks in advance before defense.**

2. **Their period abroad as visiting scholar. Students should get advises by their PhD Committee in order to identify the destination, hosting institution, and foreign hosting advisor, fitting best with their research interests and Final Thesis development. To formalize the visiting period abroad, students have to fill in and submit to the Administrative Office of the PhD a detailed form (Annex 2)**

3.3.3. THE FINAL THESIS

The final thesis consists of a scientific work on a specific topic developed through one or more research questions that demonstrate sufficient cohesion.

The thesis must be **written in English** and must include the following elements:

- a summary of the thesis,
- an Italian translation of the title and the summary,
- an introduction indicating the positioning of the research in relation to other related studies in a national or international context,
- the research question(s),
- the general methodology,
- the published and/or submitted papers for publication*,
- a general discussion consisting of a reasoned representation of the doctoral candidate's personal position regarding the main theme, or the main themes of the thesis,
- a paragraph on the impact of the research carried out,
- a concise curriculum vitae of the doctoral candidate.

*The thesis must include at least one article accepted for publication (or at least revised and resubmitted) as first author, and two additional articles as co-author (accepted for publication or submitted), in peer-reviewed, indexed international journals.

3.3.4. EVALUATION OUTPUT

The PhD Committee must evaluate each single step in the evaluation process. Both Research Proposal and Final Thesis are subject to the evaluation by the PhD Committee. The PhD Committee can define that:

- The Research Proposal/Final Thesis is accepted without any suggested change. The student can proceed as planned.
- The Research Proposal/Final Thesis is good and is accepted but with some revisions that must be submitted to the PhD Committee in due time. NOTE: What 'due time' means will be decided by the PhD Committee on the basis of the extent and magnitude of the requested revisions and communicated to the student/candidate. NOTE ALSO that in the case of the Final Thesis October 30th of the third year is the final deadline for the candidate to have a positive evaluation from the PhD Committee, having the candidate to submit the Final Thesis to the Teaching Staff Council by the above-mentioned deadline (i.e., October 30th). Otherwise, candidates are not allowed to complete the program.
- The Research Proposal/Final Thesis is not accepted, and the student/candidate must resubmit a new Research Proposal/Final Thesis in due time and attend a new Research Proposal/Final Thesis defense. NOTE that October 30th, third year is the final deadline allowed in the case of the Final Thesis. Research Proposal and Final Thesis defense can be repeated at most once.

The PhD Committee must submit to the Coordinator of the Program and PhD Program Administrative Office a detailed summary of the evaluation for both the Research Proposal and Final Thesis Defense (see Annex 3 for a detailed form) attesting the final decision.

4. PHD RESEARCH FUNDS

Starting from the second year, each PhD student is assured, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources existing in the budget, a budget for research activities of no less than 10 per cent of the scholarship amount. The same budget is assured also to PhD students who do not hold a scholarship.

Typically, PhD students can access their research funds for:

1. participation in conferences, seminars, and workshops (e.g., conference registration fee, membership fee, transport, food, lodging) for the presentation of articles and / or working papers included in the conference program;
2. correction and revision (proof-editing) of texts in a foreign language for subsequent submission to conferences and / or journals;
3. individual and non-subscription software licenses for scientific research;
4. participation in conferences, seminars and workshops (e.g., conference registration

fee, membership fee, transport, food, accommodation) of relevance for the scientific sector of the PhD student, to the maximum extent of one participation per year, even in the absence of scientific works to be presented;

5. participations in educational activities provided by external entities (e.g., summers schools, training programs, etc.) for limited period (e.g., once a year).

Access to research funds requires the prior authorization of the Coordinator of the program by filling in the Annex 4.

5. JOINT ATTENDANCE of MEDICAL RESIDENCY and PHD PROGRAM

1. Medical residents are allowed to attend the PhD program concurrently, provided the following conditions are met:

   a. Compatibility of the activities and commitments required by both the specialization school and the PhD program, including consideration of the distance between the respective locations. This compatibility must be certified by the Council of the Medical Specialization School and the Doctoral Faculty Board.

   b. Incompatibility between the PhD scholarship and any form of remuneration received in connection with activities carried out within the Medical Specialization School.

2. PhD students undertaking joint attendance may submit a request to the Doctoral Faculty Board for a reduction of PhD activities, preferably at the start of the joint attendance or, at the latest, within three months from its commencement. Upon a positive assessment of the alignment between the research activities already carried out during the medical specialization and the PhD project, the Doctoral Faculty Board may approve the request. If the request is approved, the duration of the PhD program may not, in any case, be less than two years.

3. The Resident who intends undertake joint attendance must receive, from the Residency Program, a positive assessment of research activity carried out; this certification is a necessary condition for access to the competition and is an integral part of the evaluation of the qualifications, carried out by the commission, for the admission to the PhD;

4. The matriculation will be subject to the positive outcome of combability of the activities and commitment between the Residency Program and the PhD Course as provided by art. 7 paragraph 1 of Ministerial Decree 226 of 14/12/2021

5. After obtaining the diploma of Residency Program, Student admitted to the Physician-Scientist Program requires a commitment strongly focused on the research aspect (basic, translational or clinical), with a strictly limited time dedicated to clinical profession (<20%).

6. ADDITIONAL RULES

As an integration of the above presented rules, additional indications are:

6. Forms and documentation required to attest the progresses and state of the art (e.g., Research Proposal assessment, Final Thesis evaluation, etc.) can be filled, signed, and submitted electronically (typically using .pdf file).

7. Having proven the impossibility by the PhD Committee members to meet in the same place, both Research Proposal and Final Thesis defenses can be hold using online conference systems (e.g., g-meet) through web instruments.

8. If specific and motivated conditions do exist, state employees admitted to the PhD program can submit to the Coordinator of the Program formal request to be partially exonerated from the program activities (i.e., class activities, exams, etc.). It is responsibility of the Teaching Staff Council to accept/decline such requests.

ANNEX 1. PHD COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

PhD Committee composition

I NAME and LAST NAME _____, born on _____, in _____, regularly attending the first year of the PhD program in Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies For Health (MED-TECH) at LUM University, _____ cycle, having identified the members of the PhD Committee and having obtained the agreement of each single member to be involved in the PhD Committee,

DECLARE

the PhD Committee is composed as follows:

Role	**Name, Last name**	**Position**	**Affiliation**	**Signature**
Supervisor		Full professor or Associate Professor		
Co-Supervisor		Full professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor		
Co-Supervisor		Full professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor		
Co-Supervisor		Full professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor		

A preliminary title of the Research Proposal is:

_____

_____

Date, Signature

_____

ANNEX 2. VISITING SCHOLAR PERIOD APPLICATION FORM

Visiting Scholar Period Application Form

Registration Number_____

PhD Administrative Office

LUM University

Casamassima (BA) – Italy

I, undersigned _____

enrolled in the_____ cycle of the PhD Program in Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies For Health (MED-TECH)

ASK

For the authorization to stay abroad for_____ months

From (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ to (dd/mm/yyyy)

To carry out the following: _____

Host Institution: _____

Date _____

_____

Student's signature

_____

Signature of Program Coordinator

ANNEX 3. RESEARCH PROPOSAL / FINAL THESIS DEFENSE EVALUATION

Research Proposal / Final Thesis defense evaluation

Today _____, Mr./Mrs. _____, PhD student/PhD candidate regularly attending the PhD Program in Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies For Health (MED-TECH) at LUM University, _____ cycle, has defended his/her Research proposal/Final Thesis, title _____ _____, in front of the PhD Committee composed as follows:

Role	**Name, Last name**	**Position**	**Affiliation**	**Signature**
Supervisor		Full professor or Associate Professor		
Co-Supervisor		Full professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor		
Co-Supervisor		Full professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor		
Co-Supervisor		Full professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor		

Having assessed the presentation and discussion held by the candidate, the PhD Committee expresses the following considerations:

- ☐ The Research Proposal/Final Thesis is accepted without any suggested change. The student can proceed as planned.
- ☐ The Research Proposal/Final Thesis is good and is accepted but with some revisions that must be submitted to the PhD Committee by[1] _____.
- ☐ The Research Proposal/Final Thesis is not accepted and the student/candidate must resubmit a new Research Proposal/Final Thesis by[2] _____.

A short description of the motivations related to the above decision is provided as follows:

[1] October 30th, third year is the final deadline allowed in the case of the Final Thesis.
[2] October 30th, third year is the final deadline allowed in the case of the Final Thesis.

Date,

Supervisor	Co-Supervisor	Co-Supervisor

Co-Supervisor

ANNEX 4. ACCESS TO THE PHD RESEARCH FUNDS

Access to the PhD research funds

To the Coordinator of the PhD Program

LUM University

Today _____, I undersigned Mr/Ms _____, regularly enrolled at the second/third year (cycle ____) of the PhD program in in Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH), being conscious of the total amount still available for the year _____,

ASK

For the access to my personal research fund, due to the following reasons:

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....

Purchase request: □ Refund request: □

Budget:

	Expenses	**Euro**	**Payment due to**
1.			e.g., Bank account, IBAN, etc.
2.			
3.			
……..			
	Total		

Date, _____

Signed _____

For acceptance, the PhD Program Coordinator _____

ANNEX 5. AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY OUT CLINICAL AND HEALTHCARE ACTIVITIES

Authorization to carry out clinical and healthcare activities

To the Dean of the
Department of Medicine and Psychology
LUM University
Casamassima

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Carry Out Clinical-Healthcare Activities – PhD Program in the Medical and Surgical Area

The undersigned ----------, born in_____, on _____, PhD student currently enrolled in the First/second/third year (cycle) of the PhD program in in Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH), belonging to the University Department of Medicine and surgery

REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION

pursuant to the applicable regulations and Article .. of the Regulation on PhD programs issued by Rectoral Decree No. …., Protocol No. …. dated ……, to participate in **clinical-healthcare activities** exclusively aimed at the development of the research project entitled: "_____"
(Supervisor: Prof. _____), at the Unit _____ of …….

Casamassima, _____

Sincerely,
(Signature of the Applicant)

Authorizations
(Supervisor's Signature):
_____
(PhD Coordinator's Signature):
_____
(Department Director's Signature):
_____
(Unit/Operational Unit Head's Signature)*:
_____
*In the case of an Operational Unit (UOD), the signature of the DAI Director is required

ANNEX 6. AUTHORIZATION TO JOINT ATTENDANCE OF MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION SCHOOL AND PHD PROGRAM

Authorization to Joint Attendance of Medical Specialization School and PhD Program

To the Coordinator of the PhD Program
To the Doctoral Faculty Board of the PhD Program in " Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH), "
LUM University. Casamassima

Subject: Joint Attendance of Medical Specialization School and PhD Program

The undersigned, _____
born in _____ on _____, winner of the PhD scholarship / without scholarship (please specify) in "Translational Medicine and Engineering: Advanced Technologies for Health (MED-TECH),", Cycle _____, currently enrolled in the _____ year of the Specialization School in
_____ at the _____ University,

REQUESTS

approval for joint attendance of the Specialization School and the PhD Program, pursuant to Article ….., paragraph …. of the University Regulation on PhD Programs, approved by the Academic Senate in its session of …… (Resolution No. ……).

Attached is the authorization issued by the Council of the Specialization School on _____

Date, Applicant's Signature
_____

Ratified by the Doctoral Faculty Board on: _____