Ordinary call for applications for UOC places for online students in the UOC doctoral programmes in Society, Technology and Culture; Network and Information Technologies; Education and ICT (E-learning); Humanities and Communication; Health and Psychology; Law, Politics and Economics; Business Management (interuniversity: UPC, UPM, UPCT, UOC); Bioinformatics (interuniversity: UAB, UB, UdG, UdL, UVic-UCC, UPC, URV, UOC), and Tourism (interuniversity: UMA, UA, UCA, UCM, UEX, ULL, Nebrija, UOC, URJC, USC, US, UVIGO) – 2024/2025

1. Aim of the call for applications

I. In order to promote the training of researchers in the different research groups at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), the UOC is awarding predoctoral places for online students (part-time) for doctoral theses in the framework of the doctoral programmes in Society, Technology and Culture; Network and Information Technologies; Education and ICT (E-learning); Humanities and Communication; Health and Psychology; Law, Politics and Economics; Business Management (interuniversity: UPC, UPM, UPCT, UOC); Bioinformatics (interuniversity: UAB, UB, UdG, UdL, UVic-UCC, UPC, URV, UOC), and Tourism (interuniversity: UMA, UA, UCA, UCM, UEX, ULL, Nebrija, UOC, URJC, USC, US, UVIGO).

2. Requirements

I. The potential students for doctoral programmes include individuals who, at the time of submitting an application, fulfill (or could fulfil by 26 July 2024) the access requirements for the organized research period on a doctoral programme at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.

The specific requirements of each doctoral programme can be consulted on the website of the UOC Doctoral School (in the information on each doctoral programme: *Call for Applications > General requirements and Admission requirements*).

II. According to Decree 822/202, of September 28, students with a disability equal to 33% or more have a reservation of 5% of the places

3. Documentation to be presented

I. Students candidates will need to complete in the admission form from the Virtual Campus, along with the documentation required to access the specific doctoral programmes which is given in detail on each doctoral programme website (Apply for admission section). The deadline for applications is **12 February 2024**.

4. Selection and Evaluation Committee

I. Each doctoral programme has its own Evaluation Committee, made up of experts from the specific area of the programme.

II. The Committee reserves the right to declare the place for online students vacant and is competent to resolve any issue not expressly regulated in these rules.

5. Selection criteria

I. The specific evaluation criteria of each doctoral programme can be consulted on the UOC's Doctoral School website (section *Call for Applications / Evaluation criteria*) and within Annex I.

6. Provisional selection of candidates

I. The provisional selection of the students candidates will be published on the UOC's e-Noticeboard and the UOC's Doctoral School website on **6 May 2024**.

7. Appeals

I. All applicants will then have a period for appeals starting from **7 May 2024 until 13 May 2024**.

Appeals should be sent to the UOC Doctoral School as a formal letter, through the Procedures within the Virtual Campus.

II. The Doctoral School undertakes to decide on the appeals received, and the final selection of candidates for the places for online students for the doctoral programmes will be published on the UOC's e-Noticeboard and the UOC's Doctoral School website before **27 May 2024.**

8. Final selection of candidates

I. The selected doctoral students will receive a notification with instructions on how to formally accept the places for online students by signing a standardized document and submitting the corresponding documentation. They must do so within a maximum of **five [5]** working days from the day following the sending of the notification.

II. Any selected doctoral student who does not formally accept the places for online students within the period stated in the previous paragraph will be considered to have waived the place.

III. If the selected doctoral student does not possess the master's degree on **12 February 2024**, but could fulfil all the requirements to access one of the doctoral programmes **before 26 July 2024**, they must submit all the documents with the legalized master's degree, which can be submitted before 26 July 2024.

9. Data protection

In fulfillment of Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on protection of personal data and guarantee of digital rights and of Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the

Council, of 27 April, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (hereinafter "GDPR"), we hereby inform the participating persons of the following aspects.

Data controller:

Fundació per a Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
Avinguda del Tibidabo, 39-43, Barcelona
National tax ID number (NIF) G60667813

In the event of having questions about the handling of personal information, you can contact the Data Protection Officer at email address dpd@uoc.edu.

Purpose of the processing:

Your personal data will be processed with the aim of organizing, managing and resolving the present Call for places for online students for doctoral theses in doctoral programmes in Society, Technology and Culture; Network and Information Technologies; Education and ICT (E-learning); Humanities and Communication; Health and Psychology; Law, Politics and Economics; Business Management (interuniversity: UPC, UPM, UPCT, UOC); Bioinformatics (interuniversity: UAB, UB, UdG, UdL, UVic-UCC, UPC, URV, UOC), and Tourism (interuniversity: UMA, UA, UCA, UCM, UEX, ULL, Nebrija, UOC, URJC, USC, US, UVIGO) – 2024/2025, (hereinafter "the Activity").

Publishing the first names and surnames of the people benefiting from the Activity on UOC's e-Noticeboard and the UOC's Doctoral School website.

Legitimacy:

The organization, management and resolution of the Activity, and the publication of the selected candidates (names and surnames) on the UOC's e-Noticeboard website and on UOC's Doctoral School website are based on the execution of the contract (the Activity).   .

Conservation period:

The personal data will be kept during the necessary period of time to carry out the indicated purposes. At the end of the indicated period, the UOC will keep the personal data blocked during the period necessary to comply with the legal obligations that could generate legal responsibilities regarding the indicated purposes. When the responsibilities expire, the personal data will be permanently eliminated.

Security measures in place to protect personal data:

The UOC will treat personal data in the strictest confidence. It has also implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure the security of the data and prevent their destruction, loss, unlawful access or unlawful alteration. When determining these measures, criteria such as the scope, context and purposes of the processing, the state of the art and the existing risks have been taken into account.

Recipients:

If necessary, the UOC will disclose the personal data you send us through this form to other third parties in order to comply with any corresponding legal obligations.

The UOC has several providers that assist it in carrying out different tasks related to the processing of personal data.

Rights of interested parties:

You have the following data protection rights:

RIGHT	Definition
Right of access	Check what personal data is held.
Right to rectification	Modify personal data held when inaccurate.
Right to object	Request that personal data not be processed for some specific purposes.
Right not to be subject to an automated individual decision-making	Right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning you or similarly significantly affects you.
Right to erasure	Request that personal data be deleted.
Right to restriction of processing	Request that the processing of personal data be limited.
Right to data portability	Request that the information available be delivered to them in a computer format.
Right to lodge a complaint with the competent authority	File a claim. Without prejudice to the exercising of your rights before the controller, at any time you may lodge a complaint with the competent authority to defend your rights through the website www.apdcat.cat.

To exercise such rights, send an email to fuoc_pd@uoc.edu, with the reference "Data Protection" attaching, if necessary, a copy of your identification document, as well as minimum content provided for in the applicable regulations. If the application does not meet the specified requirements, you may be required to amend it. The exercising of these rights is free, although a fee may be charged when applications are unfounded, excessive or repetitive.

10. Request solving

The UOC makes available to participants in this call an e-mail box for inquiries regarding the conditions of participation, the deadlines, and, in general, all the aspects regulated in these rules phd_school@uoc.edu.

Barcelona, 1 December 2023

Signed: David Masip Rodó
Director of the Doctoral School

ANNEX I

Doctoral programme in Education and ICT (e-Learning) candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-education-ict#evaluation_criteria

Doctoral programme in Society, Technology and Culture candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-society-technology-culture#evaluation_criteria

Doctoral programme in Network and Information Technologies candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-technologies-information-networks#evaluation_criteria

Doctoral programme in Humanities and Communication candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-humanities-communication#evaluation_criteria

Doctoral programme in Health and Psychology candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/content/dam/studies/estudis/pdf/pdf-eng/doctoral-programmes/R%C3%BAbrica%20avaluci%C3%B3%20SiP.pdf

Doctoral programme in Law, Politics and Economics candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-law-politics-economics#evaluation_criteria

Business Management (interuniversity: UPC, UPM, UPCT, UOC) candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-businness-management#evaluation_criteria

Bioinformatics (interuniversity: UAB, UB, UdG, UdL, UVic-UCC, UPC, URV, UOC) candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-bioinformatics#evaluation_criteria

Tourism (interuniversity: UMA, UA, UCA, UCM, UEX, ULL, Nebrija, UOC, URJC, USC, US, UVIGO) candidates for an online places will be assessed based on the criteria and merits set forth in the following table:

https://www.uoc.edu/en/studies/doctorates/doctorate-tourism#admission_requirements