

The **mission** of the Doctoral School is to academically and administratively organise those courses that lead to a doctoral degree in such a way that students are guaranteed comprehensive, quality training that prepares students to play a major role in a knowledge-based society.

The Doctoral School's **vision** is to become an international reference of excellence in doctoral training, and generating and transferring knowledge to society so that students can fully achieve their academic, professional and personal goals. It intends to do so in all areas of knowledge, to contribute to the international leadership of R&D and to be a driving force for knowledge and innovation at the service of the region.

In line with URV strategy, the Doctoral School aims to provide excellent doctoral training which is at once relevant, international, ethically responsible, sustainable, innovative and socially engaged. The Doctoral School organises doctoral programmes jointly with the URV departments and schools, and their administrative units.

In order to carry out its mission with the maximum guarantees of quality and in compliance with the URV quality policy, the Doctoral School is committed to design, implement and update an Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS), with which the School establishes the procedures and management mechanisms required to achieve its goals, and to have its programmes awarded international recognition and accreditation.

Therefore, in line with the URV's quality objectives, the Management Committee of the Doctoral School has set the following **quality objectives**:

- 1) To provide doctoral students with comprehensive **quality training**, which is adaptable, innovative, specific and interdisciplinary. By the end of the programme, they will be prepared to write their doctoral theses, improve their professional skills as doctors and play a major role in the knowledge-based society.
- 2) To encourage **excellent research**, which is relevant, rigorous, innovative and at the service of the region, through doctoral theses that contribute to positioning the URV as a reference of international excellence.

- 3) To effectively include **ethical principles** and good practices, dialogue and active listening, and the **gender perspective** and **sustainable development goals** in all areas of teaching, research and university management related to doctorates.
- 4) **To attract and retain** national and international **talent** by creating optimal conditions in all areas of the Doctoral School.
- 5) To promote **internationalisation** as a driving force in all areas of activity.
- 6) To give thesis supervisors and tutors specific training for **directing, supervising and mentoring**, and ensure their task is recognised.
- 7) **To transfer research results** to society and encourage open science, innovation, and knowledge and technology transfer.
- 8) To assist in implementing mechanisms that promote the **employability** of students, thus tightening links with the agents of the region.
- 9) To maximise **the efficiency of the Doctoral School's management procedures** and resources.
- 10) To involve students, graduates, all members of the academic and administrative staff, and employers in the **strategic actions for improving quality**, and thus optimise the satisfaction of the university community, employers and external collaborators.

The Management Committee of the Doctoral School makes this quality policy available to the whole university community and is determined to provide the means to comply with the School's IQAS, as well as its updates and any other documents that derive therefrom.