

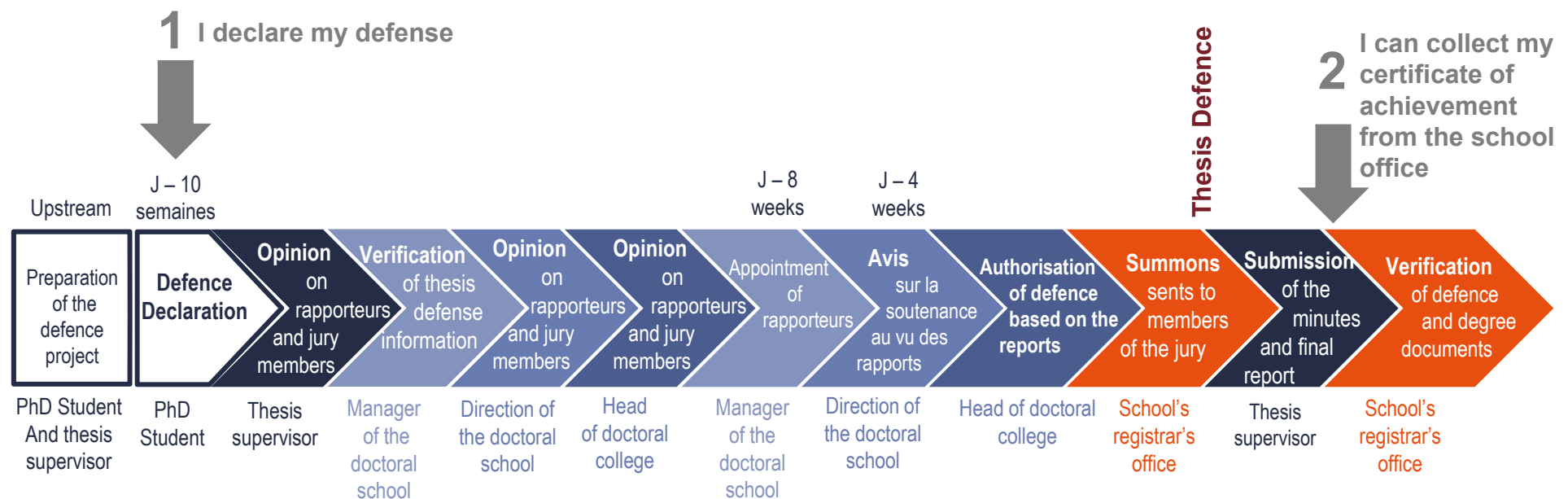


***THESIS DEFENSE : ADUM tutorial for doctoral students***

**Juin 2023**

# PhD Defense

- ☐ You must declare your intention to defend your thesis at least 10 weeks before the date of the defense.
- ☐ If you defend your thesis before December 31, you do not need to re-register.



# In your personal doctoral student area

**Click on:** « I wish to declare my PhD defense »

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Legend: ✔ Validated ▶ Ongoing ❗ To be done

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The documents in gray will be available only after all the forms are saved (icon ) and the procedure is finalized.

**Inscription - Réinscription**

- ▶ Notice informative dossier d'inscription
- ▶ Demande de changement de spécialité de doctorat
- ▶ Rapport de suivi de thèse - à imprimer, signer et faire signer
- ▶ Formulaire de demande de césure

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# Complete the elements of the presentation

## PhD thesis Defense

Thesis title in French *(please write in lowercase)*

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Thesis title in English *(please write in lowercase)*

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Keywords in French

1 - \*  2 - \*  3 - \*

4 -  5 -  6 -

Keywords in English

1 - \*  2 - \*  3 - \*

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 Date of the PhD thesis defense \*

Location of PhD Defense (adress, postcode, city)


☐ You must complete all the information relating to your defense:

You may ask your doctoral school to rectify You can ask your doctoral school to rectify your defense date. be brought forward from the date initially declared.

## Complete the elements of the defense: the rapporteurs

 Defense visibility ☒ public ☐ closed session

 Confidentiality requested of the thesis ☐ yes ☒ no

 Embargo of the thesis \* ☐ yes \* ☒ no

### Reviewers (Article 17 of the Order of 25 May 2016 laying down the procedures leading to the award of the national doctoral diploma)

Ajouter

Reviewer Civility  Last name  First name   
Title

Quality for the PhD Thesis defense

--> Is one of the jury members ☐ oui ☒ non

Affiliation Establishment

#### Contact details

Address

Postcode  City

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☐ You must declare the rapporteurs and members of your jury:

For members holding a foreign degree you must submit detailed CVs detailing the positions they hold in the dossier (in a single document). The rules governing the constitution of are available in the section of your personal personal space.

## Complete the elements of the defense: jury members

**Jury members** *(Article 18 of the Order of 25 May 2016 laying down the procedures leading to the award of the national doctoral diploma)*

**Le jury doit obligatoirement être composé d'au moins quatre membres.**

☒ Direction de thèse 
☒ 

**Member 2**

Civility \*  Last name \*  First name \*

Title \*

Quality for the PhD Thesis defense \*

Ask for videoconference ☐ oui ☐ non

Affiliation Establishment \*

**Contact details**


Address \*

Postcode \*  City \*

Country \*

Email \*  **L'adresse email renseignée n'est pas valide**

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orcid 

## Complete the elements of the defense and finalize the data entry for transmission to the thesis director

### Thesis summary in French

The number of characters must be less than 4000 characters (including spaces, tabs and line breaks).  
The summaries you set here must be the same as the ones of your thesis typescript.

### Thesis summary in English

The number of characters must be less than 4000 characters (including spaces, tabs and line breaks).  
The summaries you set here must be the same as the ones of your thesis typescript.

### Popularized summary for the general public, in French

No more than 1000 characters!

### Popularized summary for the general public, in English

No more than 1000 characters!

- ☐ Once you've entered your abstracts, click on "I've finalized the information relating to my defense."

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J'AI FINALISÉ LA SAISIE DES INFORMATIONS RELATIVES À MA SOUTENANCE



- ☐ The thesis supervisor receives an email inviting him/her to give his/her opinion on the rapporteurs and jury members by logging on to his/her personal space.

# Submitting the electronic file of the thesis manuscript

## Deposit Space for the digital file of the thesis manuscript, identical to the version before defense

This version of your thesis will be sent to the rapporteurs for evaluation and to the jury members, it will be available to your thesis supervisor(s), your Doctoral school, the doctoral studies department, and will allow to the documentation center (University Library) to do technical verifications on your file.


The PDF file of the full version of your thesis (finalised after the defence) is intended to be archived by the Centre informatique national de l'enseignement supérieur (CINES) on its platform (PAC). In order to achieve this, your file must be tested with the CINES FACILE tool

This program will check your PDF file validity and will allow you to upload it for transmission (see the tutorial [here](#)).

If your file is declared invalid, 3 correction tools are offered by CINES under the tab "PDF Correction". If after these corrections your file still does not pass the FACILE test, we invite you to contact the documentation service of the institution:  

No later than 3 months after the defense, you will have to upload in your Private space the definitive file of your thesis, which must comply with the corrections requested by th the jury.

### Thesis Archiving version

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- ☐ **Manuscript of my thesis in PDF format: I submit it when I declare my defense. If I wish to submit a new version of the manuscript no later than 8 weeks before the defense, I send an e-mail to my doctoral school, which gives me back control over its submission.**

Do you want to upload a zip file containing annexes? ☒ non ☐ oui

Is the archiving version the same that the dissemination version? ☒ oui ☐ non

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# Submission of supporting documents

Documents to be attached

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Institution - Supporting documents required for applying for your thesis defense

- CV of thesis reviewers who do not hold a French HDR (if concerned)
- Form to request the thesis confidentiality / the in camera defense \* (if concerned)
- Form to request the defense outside the university premises \* (if concerned)

\* You can find this form in your personal profile ("Administrative documents" section).  
For any questions on the application documents, please contact the doctoral school.

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Doctoral School - Supporting documents required for applying for your thesis defense

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Exemple

1. I enclose the documents requested by the school in a single document

2. I enclose in a single document the specific documents requested by the doctoral school

SAVE

## I make sure I've submitted all the required documents

### BEFORE FINALIZING MY DECLARATION OF SUPPORT, I CHECK :

#### 1. I have submitted the following documents:

☐ Manuscript of my thesis in PDF format: I deposit it at the time of the declaration of defense.

If I wish to submit a new version of the manuscript no later than 8 weeks before the defense, I will send an e-mail to my doctoral school, which will give me the opportunity to submit it.

☐ Document concerning the distribution of my thesis

☐ Documents submitted as a single pdf file in the "additional documents" section of my defense application:

- Detailed CVs for each member of my jury with foreign rank, specifying the thesis supervisions carried out - **without these CVs my application will not be processed by the doctoral school.**
- Request for full videoconferencing, if applicable
- Request for confidentiality/huis-clos, if my manuscript is of a confidential natureRequest for the defense to be held off-site, if my defense is to take place away from the school's premises.
- Supporting documents specific to my doctoral school

2. The following information: marital status, diploma specialty, thesis title, and the exact qualifications of the persons proposed for the jury. This information will appear on your diploma.

## Finalizing the procedure

**Je finalise la procédure**

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▣ Once all the information has been completed and the documents submitted, click on "Finalize the procedure" and then on "Data transmission for processing".

TRANSMISSION DES DONNÉES POUR INSTRUCTION DU DOSSIER




Je finalise la procédure

Assistance technique | Politique d'utilisation des données | Mentions légales | Espace personnel | Mise à jour du profil | À propos de l'ADUM

# Submission of authorization to distribute thesis



## My profile

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## Follow-up on the progress of my defense file



### Procedures

Designation of rapporteurs and members of the jury - Your dossier is being processed by the Institution since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023



### Procedures

Designation of rapporteurs and members of the jury - Your dossier is being processed by the Doctoral School since June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023



### My profile

► Fraction of working time dedicated to preparing the doctorate: full


► Defense: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Doctoral School: dossier received complet le May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

*Rapporteur's proposal accepted on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*Jury proposal accepted on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

In my ADUM space, I have access to the status of my file

	<b>Guideline</b>	<b>Doctoral Studies</b>
	Applicable to jury proposals submitted to the doctoral school from <b>01/01/2023</b>	
	<b>Version of 09/29/2022</b> <b>Modified in the CED Council on 12/12/2022</b>	
<b>Jury and thesis defense: rules and recommendations</b>		

The purpose of this document is to apply Articles 18 and 19 of the ministerial Decree of May 25, 2016 within UGA, which concern the thesis jury and the conditions of thesis defense, and of the Decree of October 27, 2020 on the use of videoconferencing for presenting work as part of an accreditation to direct research (HDR) or a thesis defense, and the Decree of August 26, 2022 modifying the Decree of May 2016.

## **I. Choice of external referees (rapporteurs)**

The two external referees must be accredited to direct research with a habilitation (HDR), or have the equivalent of an HDR<sup>(1)</sup>, affiliated to an institution outside UGA, the laboratory, and the doctoral school in which the PhD student is enrolled; and must not be involved in the thesis (no involvement in the scientific supervision of the thesis and no joint publication with the PhD student). In the case of co-supervision, they cannot belong to the establishments that signed the agreement unless there is a specific clause in the agreement. It is possible that the external referees are not be part of the thesis defense jury.

## **II. Rules for thesis defense jury composition**

### Members

1. The jury must consist of at least 4 members and no more than 8 (including the thesis supervisor). At least half of the jury members must come from outside the PhD student's institution, the affiliated organizations, the research unit in which the doctorate was studied and the doctoral school, and at least half must be University Professors (PR) or Associate Professors (PRA).<sup>(2)</sup> At least three jury members must take part in the decision: the thesis supervisor and any other person helping to supervise the thesis may not take part in the decision.
2. The jury must include at least one UGA research professor, either a University lecturer with a HDR (accreditation to direct research) or a full university professor, who was not involved in supervising the thesis.
3. The jury must include at least one member with the status of professor in a higher education institution allowed to grant PhDs in France or its equivalent in a foreign university.
4. An individual who has a PhD but who does not work in academia may serve as a member of the jury. If they do not hold a PhD themselves, this person may only take part in the defense as an invited member. Exceptions are possible on the condition that they are not involved in the thesis.

These exceptions require the individual's full CV and a detailed justification by the thesis supervisor.

5. Except in special cases, thesis co-supervisors<sup>(5)</sup> may only attend the thesis defense as invited members. Their role in the supervision team during the preparation of the thesis must be stated on the thesis cover and in any communication related to the defense. They are not counted as members of the jury and therefore not included in the ratios. The jury chairperson may invite them to speak at the thesis defense.

#### Recommendation:

It is highly recommended that a jury of at least 5 members (including the thesis supervisor) be formed with at least 3 external members and 3 University Professors or Associate Professors.

#### Local to external member ratio

6. At least half the jury must be external members, i.e., not affiliated with a Grenoble Alpes site institution or doctoral school and not involved in the thesis.
7. If the thesis supervisor or co-supervisor is a member of the thesis jury, they are considered as local members of the jury.
8. A thesis co-supervisor<sup>(5)</sup> affiliated with an organization outside the Grenoble site and the doctoral school may be a member of the thesis jury. They are considered as local members of the jury.
9. An individual who does not work in academia (even in Grenoble) is considered as an external member if they are not involved in the thesis.

#### Associate Professor/non-Associate Professor Ratio

10. At least half of the jury must consist of University Professors or Associate Professors. Professors and researchers on secondment from their parent institution are not included in the 50% quota of University Professors or Associate Professors and may not be chairpersons of the PhD defense jury, except when they are on secondment to an institution whose members are equivalent to University Professors. The specific case of personnel from institutions with which the UGA has signed agreements is covered by point 14 below.
11. An emeritus member (University Professor, Doctor or Senior Lecturer) can invoke their habilitation (accreditation to direct research, HDR or equivalent) to be an external referee (rapporteur) or examiner for a thesis. However, they cannot use their University Professor or Associate Professor rank. Consequently, they cannot chair the jury.
12. An honorary or retired professor may serve as an examiner on a jury, but may not serve as an external referee (rapporteur) or jury chairperson.

#### Special cases

13. A brief CV (notably mentioning thesis supervisions and the exact academic title in the country of practice<sup>(4)</sup>) is requested for each non-French individual or each individual chosen for their expertise outside the academic world in order to assess their status on the jury.

14. Following the cooperation agreement between UGA and CEA dated July 15, 2020 and the creation of RD status by CEA (generation instruction note 739 of 7/6/2021), the CEA Research Directors (RDs) belonging to the research units listed in this convention or having been granted Associate Professor equivalency as part of an agreement with another doctorate-granting higher education institution in France are considered as the rank of Associate Professors.

#### Chair

15. The chairperson of the jury must be a University Professor or Associate Professor and a member of a University, a UMR research lab or a French EPST (Public Scientific and Technical Research Establishment). They cannot be a supervisor of the thesis.

### **III. Gender parity**

Jury composition must ensure a balanced representation of women and men (Art. 18 of the May 2016 Decree). Since this balance can be difficult to achieve in certain disciplines, a reasonable expectation is that there will be at least one woman and one man on each jury.

A regular assessment will be made to identify any breaches and to ensure that gender representation on juries is statistically comparable to that of the relevant CNU (French National Council of Universities) sections.

### **IV. Co-supervised theses**

The above rules can be relaxed for co-supervised theses. The proportion of external members can be lower (at least 1/3). However, except in very specific cases mentioned in the agreement, the rules concerning the external referees (2 external referees accredited to direct research (HDR) or equivalent) and the proportion of University Professors or Associate Professors must be respected. In the case of co-supervision, a supervisor or co-supervisor from the partner university is considered a local member.

### **V. Use of videoconferencing**

The use of videoconferencing is governed by Article 2 of the Decree of October 27, 2020.

"By way of exception, the president or director of the institution, after consulting the director of the doctoral school and at the suggestion of the thesis supervisor, may authorize the PhD student and the members of the jury, in whole or in part, to participate in the thesis defense by any telecommunication means that ensures their identification and guarantees their effective, continuous and simultaneous participation in the debates as well as the confidentiality of the jury's deliberations. The technical means used must ensure that the debates are public."

The request for full videoconferencing will be made at the time of submission of the defense dossier via the designated form.

In case of partial videoconferencing (to be mentioned on the jury proposal form), it should be noted that the jury chairperson and the PhD student must be physically in the same room.

The same rules apply for HDR (accredited to direct research) juries.

### **VI. Deliberation**

**The deliberation must be conducted in two stages:**

- The first, during which all jury members may contribute additional useful elements.



- The second, during which the thesis supervisors may be invited by the jury chairperson to leave the deliberation room or, if they are allowed to stay, to refrain from participating in the final decision to award the PhD.

These rules will be attached to the defense dossier for submission to the jury chairperson, who will lead the discussions in the manner they deem appropriate.

## **VII. Thesis defense minutes and report signatures**

1. The thesis defense record is signed by all members of the jury with the exception of the thesis supervisor(s).
2. The thesis defense report is signed by all jury members. The report should include the following statement: "The admissibility decision was taken by the members of the jury, excluding the thesis supervisors, invited supervisors and invited members, who were not deliberating".
3. Invited members do not sign the thesis defense record or the report.
4. When videoconferencing was used by a jury member, the chairperson indicates on the thesis defense record "Videoconference" and signs in the remote jury member's place, "P.O. Mr./Ms. X". As for the thesis defense report, the chairperson signs, "P.O. Mr./Ms. X". The request to participate in the jury by videoconference must be made before the defense and attached to the defense record. The signatures "P.O. Mr./Ms. X" have the same value as the signatures of the members present.
5. A jury member who is absent during the defense (without videoconference) does not sign the thesis defense record or the report. The Chairperson notes "Absent" on the thesis defense record.
6. Any handwritten modification of the jury members' positions, ranks or addresses is strictly forbidden. <sup>(6)</sup>
7. The thesis defense record must clearly state the place and time of the defense.

## **VIII. Jury member absence management.**

General rule: preference should be given to the use of videoconferencing, within the limits set out in paragraph V.

Thesis defense jury member absence without access to videoconferencing:

1. Provided the constraints of the jury's validity are still respected, the defense can take place. The absent members are declared as such on the defense record and do not sign the record.
2. If the jury is no longer valid due to declared absences, and if time permits, its composition can be modified to re-establish its validity. The new composition must be submitted to the doctoral school for validation as soon as possible, and the new defense record must be issued for signature at the end of the thesis defense.
3. If the unexpected absence of a jury member is declared shortly before the defense without the possibility of replacing them to ensure the validity of the jury, participation in the defense by telephone is permissible. The president will apply the same procedure as in the case of a videoconference.
4. If a telephone solution is not possible in the above situation, the thesis defense must be postponed.

Examples of jury composition are provided in Appendix 2.

## **IX. Taking the oath**

After the defense, in the case of a successful defense, the doctor takes an oath individually to commit to respect the principles and requirements of scientific integrity in the course of their professional career, whatever the sector or field of activity. The oath procedure and text is specified in the doctoral charter.

(1)

- a. The HDR (habilitation; accreditation to direct research) equivalence for a non-French research professor is acquired by default for international colleagues whose functions are equivalent to University Professors ("Arrêté du 10/2/2011" document). A CV indicating the exact status and the record of research and PhD supervision activities of these colleagues is required when compiling the defense dossier.
- b. For colleagues who do not fall into this category: Assessment of the legitimacy of a non-French colleague to be an external referee for a thesis must be analyzed by the HDR committee of the relevant doctoral school. They are best able to determine the relevance of the colleague's file to the requirements for being authorized to defend an HDR within this doctoral school.

Criteria that can be used as a basis for analysis include:

- A decade of experience in R&D,
- Good publication record
- Experience in PhD supervision, e.g., through publications with PhD students.
- Relevance of experience in the specific field related to the thesis

- (2) The status of University Professor or equivalent (Associate Professor) for a PhD thesis defense jury at the Université Grenoble-Alpes is defined according to the Decree of June 15, 1992.
- (3) In the meaning of Decree n°92-70 of January 16, 1992 concerning the French National Council of Universities
- (4) For non-French individuals: exact title in the language of origin and equivalence in accordance with the Decree of February 10, 2011.
- (5) The status of thesis Director or co-director can only be given to a University Professor or equivalent, to a person holding the HDR accreditation to direct research, or benefiting from a specific dispensation granted by the Commission des Dispenses et Dérogations Doctorales (CD3) after approval by the PhD student's doctoral school HDR committee, and validated by the Academic Council's research commission (article 16 of the Decree of May 25, 2016). Any person supervising the thesis who does not meet these conditions is considered a co-supervisor.
- (6) In the event of an error in the names, positions, ranks or addresses of one or more jury members, the chairperson may request a correction on a separate slip. A change in the rank or position of a jury member may lead to the validity of the jury being called into question.

## **Appendix 1: List of regulatory texts used to draft this document**

- Decree n°84-431 of June 6, 1984 determining the common statutory provisions applicable to research professors and establishing the special status of the body of university professors and the body of lecturers.
- Decree n°92-70 of January 16, 1992 concerning the French National Council of Universities
- Decree of June 15, 1992 determining the list of civil servants assimilated to university professors and lecturers for the designation of members of the French National Council of Universities
- Decree of February 10, 2011 concerning the equivalence scale of titles, works and positions of research professors mentioned in articles 22 and 43 of decree n° 84-431 of June 6, 1984 setting the common statutory provisions applicable to research professors and laying down the special status of the body of university professors and the body of lecturers
- Decree of August 26, 2022 amending the decree of May 25, 2016 establishing the national framework for studies and the procedures leading to the awarding of the national doctoral degree
- Decree of October 27, 2020 concerning the use of videoconferencing for the presentation of work in the context of an accreditation to direct research and a thesis defense

## **Appendix 2: Examples of jury composition**

Example 1: A standard jury with five members including the thesis supervisor. There are therefore at least three external members and three University Professors or Associate Professors. If an external member is absent, the jury will remain valid with four members, including two external members and at least two University Professors or Associate Professors.

Example 2: A jury with six (eight) members including three (four) external members. If an external member is absent, an internal member (for example, the thesis supervisor) must withdraw from the jury. The condition concerning University Professors or equivalent must be fulfilled.

Example 3: A jury with four members, two of whom are external. If an external member is absent (even an external referee - rapporteur), the defense is postponed. If an internal member is absent, they can be replaced at short notice by another internal member, subject to the agreement of the director of the doctoral school and the balance between University Professors and Associate Professors.

## 1. The jury:

The composition of the jury is established in the guidelines issued on 30/09/2021, which specify how the ministerial Decree of 25 May 2016 is to be applied to UGA.

Throughout the preliminary phase, jury members may only be designated as Examiner, Rapporteur or Thesis Supervisor (or co-supervisor if applicable).

**Members of the jury appoint one of the members as president during the meeting immediately preceding the thesis defence (in accordance with Article 18 of the Ministerial Decree of 25 May 2016).**

### 1.1 The president of the jury:

The president of the jury must be an active University Professor or Associate Professor at a University or UMR research lab, or be a member of a French EPST (Public Scientific and Technical Research Establishment). They cannot be the thesis supervisor or advisor.

**Role:** The president of the jury is a full member of the jury and can therefore play the same role as the other members (examiners and rapporteurs) and participate in the discussion. The president ensures that the process runs smoothly and that the defence rules are followed. In particular, they must ensure that the debates are clear and conducted in a suitable manner. During the deliberations, the jury president leads the discussions in the manner they deem appropriate. The president drafts the defence report and ensures that all necessary signatures appear on the minutes (deliberating jury members) and on the final defence report (all jury members participating in the defence).

- An emeritus member (University Professor, Doctor or Senior Lecturer) may become a rapporteur or examiner for a thesis by virtue of their degree (accreditation to direct research). However, they cannot use their University Professor or Associate Professor rank if they are no longer active. Consequently, they cannot be appointed president of the jury. Non-emeritus honorary or retired professors may serve as examiners on a jury, but may not serve as rapporteurs or as jury president.

### 1.2 Other members of the jury:

- **Role of examiners:** following the candidate's oral presentation, examiners make comments or ask questions that help the candidate clarify or expound on certain aspects of their research work, the scientific and technical context or help put their research and its prospects into perspective.
- **Role of rapporteurs:** The experts who drafted the reports prior to the defence, if they are also members of the jury, play the same role as that of the examiners. In general, the rapporteurs are the first members of the jury to interact with the candidate following their presentation.

During its deliberations, the jury assesses the quality and innovative nature of the PhD student's work, the student's ability to identify the scientific context for their work and their presentation skills.

The thesis supervisors or co-supervisors participate in the jury but do not take part in the decision.

The jury must decide whether to accept or reject the thesis.

In case of acceptance, the jury may request revisions in accordance with Article 24 of the Decree of 25 May 2016 amended by the Decree of 26 August 2022. The new doctor then has three months to submit the revised thesis in electronic format. The award of the doctoral degree is subject to submission of the revised thesis.

No distinction or honours may be awarded.

Report on the deliberations: the entire jury, including the thesis supervisor or co-supervisor, present an oral report of the deliberations to candidate, the key components of which must be included in the defence report.

## **2. Defence procedures:**

The defence takes place in several stages:

1. The President opens the discussion and presents the context of the defence.
2. The President first invites the candidate to present their work.
3. The candidate presents their work.
4. The President asks each of the members of the jury to speak one after another and prompts the candidate to answer jury members' questions.
5. After the jury has interviewed the candidate, the president of the jury may open up the floor to questions from the audience. In this case, it is customary for only those who are doctors to ask questions.
6. The deliberating members of the jury then meet in private to decide on the award of the degree. The president of the jury ensures that the deliberations are confidential.
7. After the president of the jury has announced its decision, the candidate may take the oath of scientific integrity.

*"In the presence of my peers.*

*With the completion of my doctorate in [research field], in my quest for knowledge, I have carried out demanding research, demonstrated intellectual rigour, ethical reflection, and respect for the principles of research integrity.*

*As I pursue my professional career, whatever my chosen field, I pledge, to the best of my abilities, to continue to maintain integrity in my relationship to knowledge, in my methods and in my results."*

### **2.1 Videoconferencing:**

The use of videoconferencing is governed by article 2 of the Decree of October 27, 2020. "By way of exception, the president or dean of the institution, after consulting the dean of the doctoral school, at the suggestion of the thesis supervisor, may authorize the PhD student and the members of the jury, in whole or in part, to participate in the thesis defence by any telecommunication means that ensures their identification and guarantees their effective, continuous and simultaneous participation in the debates as well as the confidentiality of the jury's deliberations. The technical means used must ensure that the debates are public".

In case of partial videoconferencing (to be mentioned on the jury proposal form), it should be noted that the jury president and the PhD student must physically be in the same room.

### **2.2. Deliberations:**

The deliberations must be conducted in two stages:

- The first, during which all jury members can contribute additional useful elements.
- The second, during which the jury president may ask the thesis supervisors to leave the deliberation room or, if they are allowed to stay, not to intervene in the final decision to award the PhD.

## **3. Thesis reports and documents**

### **3.1. Results and request for revisions:**

The award or rejection of the doctoral degree is announced after the jury's deliberations. The jury may request revisions to the thesis. This information will be recorded on the defence report.

If the jury has requested revisions to the thesis, the new doctor has three months to submit the revised thesis in electronic format. The president of the jury will be informed of the submission of the revised manuscript by email and will check these revisions. The president may submit their opinion on the revisions via a secure link.

The award of the doctoral degree is subject to submission of the revised thesis.

### 3.2. Signing the minutes:

Only deliberating jury members sign the defence minutes. Thesis directors or advisors may not sign the minutes. Guests are not jury members. They may not sign the minutes.

- If videoconferencing was used by a jury member, the President indicates writes “videoconference” on the thesis defence minutes and signs on behalf of the remote jury member with the words “P.O. Mr./Mrs. X”. The request to participate in the jury by videoconference must be made before the defence, and attached to the defence minutes.
- The “P.O. Mr. /Mrs. X” signatures have the same value as the signatures of the members present.
- Adding a name or making any handwritten modifications of the jury members' positions, ranks or addresses is strictly forbidden.
- The thesis defence minutes must clearly state the place and time of the defence.

### 3.2. Management of jury member absences

General rule: preference should be given to the use of videoconferencing.

A member who is absent during the defence (i.e., not present on-site or in remote attendance by videoconference) can no longer be considered a member of the jury.

The following three scenarios may arise:

- The jury's validity requirements are still met: the defence can take place. The absent members are declared as such on the defence minutes record and they do not sign the minutes. The president writes “Absent” on the minutes.
- If the unexpected absence of a jury member is announced shortly before the defence is to take place without the possibility of replacing them to ensure the validity of the jury, participation in the defence by telephone is permissible. The president will apply the same procedure as in the case of a videoconference.
- If a telephone solution is not possible in this scenario, the thesis defence must be postponed.

### 3.3 Final defence report:

The defence report: It may be written in French or English but must meet the requirements for the discipline as defined by the **French National Council of Universities**. The defence report is a key document in which the jury assesses the quality and innovative nature of the PhD student's work, the student's ability to identify the scientific context for their work and their presentation skills.

When the defence report mentions the deliberations, it must indicate that the decision was taken by jury members only, with the exception of the thesis supervisor or co-supervisor.

The president signs the defence report which is countersigned by all the jury members in attendance, including the thesis supervisors or co-supervisors. In the event of attendance by videoconference, the president signs on the jury member's behalf by writing “P.O. Mr /Mrs X”.

As a rule, guests do not sign the defence report. For disciplines in the arts, literature, languages, social sciences and humanities category, the president may ask the guests to sign the defence report if it mentions their intervention during the defence.

The defence report shall be sent to the PhD student within one month following the defence. The president of the jury must ensure this is completed.

The thesis supervisor sends the minutes and final defence report to the school's registrar's office at the same time, within two weeks. For disciplines in the arts, literature, languages, social sciences and humanities category, the minutes will be sent within a maximum period of one month.

*Cette procuration doit obligatoirement être transmise à la Direction de thèse avant la soutenance.  
This proxy must be sent to the thesis supervisor before the defence.*

Je soussigné / I, the undersigned: .....

Donne procuration au Président du jury pour signer en mon nom les documents de soutenance /  
Give proxy to the president of the jury to sign the following defence documents on my behalf:

- le procès-verbal de soutenance / *the minutes of the defence*
- le rapport de soutenance / *the defence report*

Doctorant / *PhD student*: .....

Date de soutenance / *defence date*: .....

A / In ....., le / on .....

Signature du membre du jury en visioconférence /  
*Signature of the jury member attending via videoconference*