

CRITERIA FOR THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS INTO THE DOCTORATE PROGRAMME

The Doctoral Programme in Biotechnology and Genetic Resources of Plants and Associated Microorganisms has a long tradition of Excellence in research and training. Thus, since July 3, 2013, the Programme had a favorable QUALITY VERIFICATION REPORT in adaptation to the provisions of Royal Decree 99/2011, BOE of February 10, 2011.

In order to maintain this qualification, the Programme Doctoral Academic Committee will assess the following **aspects and merits of the candidate** (in parentheses the percentage of the final assessment):

- a) Qualifications obtained by the candidate in the Bachelor and / or Master's degree that he/she has completed (60%).
- b) CV of the candidate (20%)
- c) The publications derived from the Master's Thesis or the Final Degree Project, as these reflect the candidate's previous research activity and experience in the undergraduate and / or Master's training period (5%)
- d) Previous relationship of the candidate with the research group to which they want to join to carry out the Doctorate, such as having carried out the Final Master's Project in the group (5%).
- e) Relationship between the entry profile and the subjects taken in the Bachelor's and Master's degrees (2%)
- f) Candidate interest shown in a motivation letter (2%)
- g) Additional training activities to the regulated education that the candidate has carried out during the Bachelor's or Master's degree studies (2%).
- h) Letters of reference from two Professors and researchers, which the committee may request if deemed necessary (2%).
- i) It will be positively evaluated that the candidate has a good level of English (minimum recommended B2), and that this level can be certified (2%).

These particularities together with other circumstances that the applicant deems appropriate, such as interest in a specific research group or a thesis topic, may be presented in the **motivation letter** that is attached to the pre-registration and that the Commission will carefully evaluate. In the event that the Academic Committee may consider it appropriate, and exceptionally, a personal interview will be carried out in order to verify the level of training and knowledge of the candidate. In the event that this interview cannot be carried out in person, it will be carried out using telematic means, preferably videoconference or similar means, in order to avoid impersonations.

In addition, to safeguard quality, the doctoral theses carried out in our Programme must meet the following requirements:

- 1) The student must carry out their Doctoral thesis at a university or research organization of the EEES for at least 75% of the total time of the Doctoral Thesis. If the periods of stay abroad exceed this limit, the stays will have to be approved by the Academic Committee. Erasmus Mundus scholarship recipients and other European or national programs will be governed by the internationalization requirements of the call for their scholarship / PhD contract.
- 2) The Thesis director, or at least one of the co-directors, must be a researcher at a Spanish university or research organization.
- 3) The Thesis director, or at least one of the co-directors, must necessarily be a Ph.D. professor / researcher with permanent position.