



Universidad
de Alcalá



ROYAL INSTITUTE
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Double Doctorate Cooperation Agreement

between

**KTH Royal Institute of Technology
School of Technology and Health
Stockholm, Sweden**

and

**the Postgraduate Program in Information and Communication
Technologies of the University of Alcalá,
Alcalá, Spain**

regarding

DOUBLE DOCTORAL (PhD) PROGRAMME

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ARTICLE I - INTRODUCTION

The Universidad de Alcalá (hereafter UAH) and KTH Royal Institute of Technology (hereafter KTH) have recognized their mutual interests in research and in the development of doctoral training and wish to specify the terms under which students from both universities may be admitted to a double PhD programme and granted, upon successful fulfilment of all requirements for graduation at each university, a double doctorate, that is, the official PhD degree certificates of comparable academic levels from both universities.

This Cooperation Agreement identifies and defines the terms of implementing the double doctoral programme, the rights and responsibilities of both parties and the requirements of UAH and KTH regarding the awarding of double doctorates.

The doctoral programmes included in this agreement are:

- Technology and Health, from the KTH side
- Doctorate in Information and Communication Technologies, from the UAH side

Both universities should designate a double doctorate cooperation agreement Coordinator. The Coordinators have the responsibility of the implementation of the agreement and supervise the accomplishment of the terms agreed in this document. The KTH designates to Prof. Kaj Lindecrantz as supervisor of the Technology and Health programme. The UAH designates to Prof. Saturnino Maldonado Bascón and Prof. Agustín Martínez Hellín as supervisors of the Doctorate in Information and Communication Technologies.

ARTICLE II – APPLICATIONS, ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS

Applications should be presented at the exchange agreement coordinator secretariat of the local university in the period established for each available position.

The local university will select suitable candidates to participate in the programme.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements specified by the doctorate programmes in both institutions. Annex I summarizes the regulations applicable to doctorate programmes in both universities.

Applicants should be approved by the hosting university.

Students will be admitted to both doctorate programmes, according to each university's prevailing admission criteria and the corresponding doctorate programme regulations.

The student must demonstrate an appropriate English language level to be eligible to participate in the double diploma programme.

Students will be admitted on a full-time basis to the Doctoral studies.

A set of documents detailing course requirements at both universities and requirements related to the research to be conducted, the final written thesis/dissertation and its oral defence, the assessment/grading of the thesis, and the financial plan for the study period will be negotiated and concluded on faculty-level for each individual student taking part in the double doctoral programme. These documents (hereafter Double Doctorate Annexes) will be ratified by the student's main supervisors at UAH and KTH, and they will form annexes to this Cooperation Agreement.

ARTICLE III – SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH

For each student, there must be one supervisor at each university with allocated equal responsibilities. The responsibilities and roles of the supervisors are to be specified in the individual Double Doctorate Annexes.

The supervisors should have a PhD degree or equivalent with at least two years of post-doctoral research experience or hold a position where one is qualified to supervise doctoral studies according to the university regulations. At KTH a PhD student must have at least one supervisor who holds the position of an assistant professor (“Docent”) and at UAH one supervisor holding at least the position of assistant professor (or equivalent), the PhD diploma and enrolled in the doctorate programme.

ARTICLE IV - PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

A full time student is expected to complete the requirements of the PhD programme in three (3) years or that period imposed by governmental and universities regulations. If the student requires more time he/she must seek approval from both universities. The aim of both parties is that the student will spend approximately equal amounts of time at each university. However, if this is not possible, students of the double doctoral programme must spend at least one academic year at the partner university. Details regulating this will be specified in the Double Doctorate Annex.

ARTICLE V - COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

The student must satisfy the course work requirements of both UAH and KTH, which may be complementary or additional to those of the other university. Details regulating this, including a scheduled study plan, will be specified in the Double Doctorate Annex.

The supervision of the student's doctoral thesis will be performed accomplishing the realization and defence regulations applicable at both universities. In concrete, the reference regulation should be those applicable in the country where the dissertation and defence take place. The doctoral thesis can be presented in any of the universities.