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Appendix "Questionnaire for Doctoral Students"

**PHD STUDENT OPINION SURVEY
(to be submitted at the end of each year of study)**

Notes for completing the questionnaire: in each section, the first part contains multiple-choice questions, while the second part contains statements that require a rating from 1 to 10 (1 means totally disagree, 10 means totally agree).

Learning			
F1	Does the PhD program include structured learning activities (courses, seminars, workshops)?	Yes	
		No	Do not show the rest of the section
F2	Where were the learning activities carried out?	Exclusively at the University of Siena	
		Partly at the University of Siena and partly in other institutions	
		Exclusively in other institutions	
F3	Did the learning activities include end-of-course assessments (exams, presentations, papers)?	Yes, always	
		Yes, sometimes	
		No	Do not show question F9
F4	Is the learning activity separate from that provided in courses related to the master's degree courses?	Yes	
		No	
F5	Did the learning activity also include modules aimed at acquiring transversal skills? (More than one answer is possible)	Yes, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary modules	
		Yes, modules related to entrepreneurship, access to competitive funding, publication and valorization/dissemination of research results	
		No (In this case do not show question D6)	Do not show question F10
F6	The learning activities are comprehensive and consistent with the main themes of the Doctoral Course.		
F7	The topics covered during the learning activities are in-depth and up-to-date.		



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F8	The workload required by structured learning activities (courses, seminars, workshops) allows me to adequately dedicate myself to research and my thesis.
F9	The final assessments of learning activities (exams, presentations, assignments) are taken into consideration for the purposes of the end-of-year assessment.
F10	Modules aimed at acquiring transversal skills are a useful complement to doctoral learning.
F11	Overall, I am satisfied with the learning activities offered.



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Research			
R1	What methods were used to monitor research activity during the academic year just concluded? (More than one answer is possible.)	Presentation of individual results related to research activity	
		Presentation of group results related to research activity	
		Evaluation of the progress of the thesis work at the transition from year to year	
		None	
R2	Have you personally presented the results of your research at conferences, workshops, etc.? (More than one answer is possible)	Yes, in Italy	
		Yes, abroad	
		No	
R3	Have you published the results of your research work (even together with other authors)? more than one answer is possible)	Yes, in scientific journals	
		Yes, in book chapters	
		Yes, in monographs	
		Yes, in conference proceedings	
		No	
R4	During the course, were you involved in carrying out research activities jointly with other universities?	Yes	
		No	
R5	During the course, were you involved in research activities that promoted technology transfer in collaboration with companies?	Yes	
		No	
R6	During the course, did you participate in designing proposals for competitive tenders?	Yes	
		No	
R7	The research activities were useful in learning how to structure and communicate the results of my work.		
R8	The research activities have been useful in building a national or international scientific collaboration network.		
R9	Overall, I am satisfied with the research activities carried out.		



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Teaching activities carried out by PhD students			
D1	Have you carried out or are you carrying out any teaching or teaching support activities during your PhD program?	Yes, regular lessons	
		Yes, supplementary activities (exercises, seminars or tutoring activities)	
		Yes, both regular lessons and supplementary activities	
		No	The system redirects directly to the next section
D2	The teaching activity I carry out is useful to me from an educational point of view.		
D3	The workload required by my teaching activity allows me to dedicate myself adequately to learning, research, and my thesis.		
D4	I am satisfied with the teaching activity carried out.		



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Experiences abroad			
E1	Have you taken, are you taking, or do you intend to take periods of study or research abroad, consistent with your learning project?	Yes, I have taken or am taking	
		No	The system redirects directly to E3 and does not display questions E4-E7
E2	Have you taken advantage of, are you taking advantage of, or do you intend to take advantage of the grant increase of up to 50% for mobility periods abroad?	Yes (as a grant holder)	The system does not display the E3 question
		Yes (not a grant holder)	
		No (as a grant holder)	
		No (not a grant holder)	
E3	Why did you choose NOT to study or research abroad during your PhD? (More than one answer is possible.)	I have yet to start it or I am still doing it	
		I have not received permission from the PhD board	
		I haven't found a facility that I'm interested in or willing to host me.	
		I was not aware of this possibility	
		Since I did not hold a scholarship, there were no specific funding options for activities abroad or those available were not sufficient.	
		The financing arrangements did not allow me to leave	
		Other	
E4	During my doctoral program, I received adequate information and support from my professors regarding experiences abroad.		
E5	The support received from the home university for the study or research period abroad is satisfactory.		
E6	The support received from the host university/institution for the study or research period abroad is satisfactory		
E7	Overall, I am satisfied with my study or research experience abroad.		



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Experience at other national research institutions/companies/public administration			
I1	Have you taken, are you taking, or do you intend to take periods of study or research, consistent with your learning project, at national research institutions, companies, or public administration?	Yes, I have taken or am taking	
		No	The system redirects directly to I4 and does not display questions I5-18
I2	In what type of institution?	National Research Institution	
		Private Business	
		Public Sector administration	
I3	Have you received or are you receiving financial support for your periods at research institutions, companies, or public administration?	Yes (as a grant holder)	The system does not show question I4
		Yes (not a grant holder)	
		No (as a grant holder)	
		No (not a grant holder)	
I4	What is the main reason why you did not choose to spend periods of study or research at research institutions, companies, or public administration during your PhD program?	I have not received permission from the PhD board	
		I haven't found a facility that I'm interested in or willing to host me.	
		I was not aware of this possibility	
		No additional funding was foreseen or the funding foreseen was not sufficient	
		The financing arrangements did not allow me to leave	
		Other	
I5	During my doctoral program, I received adequate information and support from my professors regarding internships at other institutions.		
I6	The support received from the university of origin for the period of study or research at other institutions is satisfactory.		
I7	The support received from the host institution for the study or research period at other institutions is satisfactory.		
I8	Overall, I am satisfied with my study or research period at other research institutions/companies/public administrations.		



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Supervision			
S1	What type of supervision do you receive during your PhD?	Single supervisor	
		Two or more supervisors	
		Principal supervisor and one or more co-supervisors	
S2	The supervisor(s) and co-supervisors are available and reachable.		
S3	The supervision I received was adequate for my research topic.		
S4	Overall, the supervision I received was useful in developing my learning plan.		
S5	Overall, I am satisfied with the supervision I received.		



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Support facilities and services		
U1	Have you benefited or are you benefiting from the additional budget provided by Ministerial Decree 226/2021 of at least 10% for research activities?	Yes
		No
U2	The personal (work) space reserved for PhD students is adequate (size, equipment, etc.).	
U3	The classrooms and spaces used for learning activities are adequate (you can watch clearly, you can hear clearly, you can find a place to sit).	
U4	The library services are adequate for my needs.	
U5	The IT equipment and connections are adequate for all the activities carried out.	
U6	The equipment needed for research is adequate and accessible.	
U7	I am satisfied with the support provided by the secretarial offices.	



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Transparency, involvement and overall satisfaction

T1	Information relating to learning and research activities is always up-to-date.
T2	Doctoral students are involved in the planning of learning and research activities.
T3	Information regarding deadlines and administrative procedures is always up to date.
T4	The overall workload of learning and research activities is sustainable.
T5	The study and research environment is collaborative and stimulating.
T6	So far, I am overall satisfied with the PhD program.