



Periods of deferment of the final term of the PhD Programme, pursuant to Article 17 paragraphs 4 and 5 of the PhD Regulations

TYPES OF DEFERMENT PERIODS OF THE FINAL TERM OF THE PhD PROGRAMME

A) Application for deferment of the final term of the PhD Programme, pursuant to Article 17 paragraph 4

Paragraph 4 of Article 17, having regard to the Italian Ministerial Decree n. 227/2021, envisages that:

*“The PhD Board of Professors may, at the request of the PhD student, **grant an extension of a maximum of twelve months**, without additional financial benefits, for substantiated reasons that do not allow the presentation of the PhD dissertation in the time set out within the final term of the PhD Programme”*

- The applications for a deferment period, **justified**, and drawn up by filling in the appropriate form available at the web link <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1984>, signed and dated, must be sent to the PhD Board of Professors, jointly with the PhD final report and therefore within the final term of the PhD Programme.
- **For Example:** if the final term of the PhD Programme is set to November 30th, 2025 the deferment period will begin from December 1st, 2025; if the final term of the PhD Programme is set to March 31st, 2026 the deferment period will begin from April 1st, 2026, etc.
- PhD students whose PhD academic year starting date is subsequent to December 1st, 2025 due to late start and / or because they are beneficiaries of periods of intermitting of PhD activity and/or research, pursuant to the current Italian legislation, **will have a start / end date of the final term of the PhD Programme differentiated compared to other PhD students, and it corresponds to the actual duration of 36 months of the PhD Programme or of the 36 months + the extension period previously assigned / benefited**

B) Period of deferment assigned by the PhD Board of Professors, pursuant to Article 17, paragraph 5

Paragraph 5 of Article 17, having regard to the Italian Ministerial Decree n. 227/2021, envisages that:

*“The PhD Board of Professors may grant an extension of the length of the final term of the PhD Programme, **for not more than twelve months**, for substantiated scientific reasons ensuring, in this case, the corresponding extension of the duration of the scholarship, thus ensuring the PhD student has the corresponding extension of the length of the scholarship, within the limits of the financial resources available in the budget of the individual departmental cost centres, as deriving from external financing for research and/or resources assigned by the University Board of Governors”*

- The period of deferment granted by the PhD Board of Professors is subject to a suspensive clause, subject to verification of the financial availability to finance the additional months of the scholarship.
- PhD students who have waived or waive the benefit of the PhD scholarship during the three-year period, continuing the PhD Programme, can benefit **from the time deferment period of the final term of the**



PhD Programme without benefiting from the corresponding scholarship and the economic increases connected to it.

CRITERIA APPLYING TO BOTH TYPES OF DEFERMENT

- PhD students can benefit of a maximum period of n. 12 (twelve) months ***deferment of the final term of the PhD Programme*** (end of the three-year period).

Notice ! Pursuant to Article 17 paragraph 6 of the PhD Regulation we remind that “*Periods of deferment as per sub-paragraphs 4 and 5 cannot exceed the term of eighteen months overall, including periods of suspension as per the above-mentioned Art. 15, sub-paragraph 2 of these Regulations, except for the specific cases set out by law*”.

PhD STUDENTS ARE KINDLY INVITED TO READ THE UNIVERSITY PhD REGULATIONS published online, link

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