

Hybrid PhD defense-research plan protocol (approved by the Doctoral Commission on 8/07/21)

The commission has decided to propose (whenever the COVID situation permits that) to let PhD defenses and research plans be done in an hybrid format.

If this is the case, the candidate must inform in advance the Doctoral Program unit the will of make the defense following this format.

In this situation, it is necessary that :

- 1.- The PhD candidate and the secretary of the committee will be, during the PhD defense-research plan, in one room at FME (Sala d'actes or Sala de Juntes).
- 2.- the president, the rest of members of the committee can be on site or connected on the g-meet public defense account. Again, the exact distribution must be given in advance to the doctoral program organization.
- 3.- the PhD advisor/s and public can follow the session on site or by using the g-meet link. A maximum number of people will be allowed.
- 4.- the use of mask by the PhD candidate and the attendants will follow UPC rules.
- 5.- The candidate will present her/his results in parallel on the projector and also in the g-meet "share screen" system.
- 6.- Private discussion and deliberation of the committee will be done in the main room of the defense (the rest of attendants, including the PhD candidate will have to leave the room during private discussions).
- 7.- The management of the documentation will be done as in the case of virtual defences.
- 8.- In the case of PhD defenses, the vote of the cum laude vote (in case that it applies) will be done following the electronic protocol designed by the doctoral school.

This protocol will be valid until new information from the Doctoral School at UPC is given.