JOINT SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL THESIS AGREEMENT

The following parties

The University of ……………………………………………………….…,

represented by ……….name and position of the legal representative

and

The University of Catania (Italy),

represented by Prof. Francesco Priolo, Rector

hereinafter jointly referred to as “the partner institutions”

and

Mr/Ms. ………………………………………….

hereinafter referred to as “the doctoral candidate”

* Considering …(please enter the regulations/law governing Ph.D. courses in the country of the partner institution, if deemed necessary);
* Considering the Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021 governing the organization and implementation of Ph.D. courses;
* Considering the Regulations in force at the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses included in the Rector’s Decree n. 721/2022, issued in respect of Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021;
* Considering that the Ph.D. course in , cycle……………… has been officially accredited by the Ministry of Education;

agree the following:

**Article 1**. **Subject: joint supervision and awarding of a doctoral degree**

The partner institutions agree that they shall be jointly responsible for the educational program and the supervision of the research work and thesis of the following doctoral candidate:

Name and Surname: …………………………..

Date of birth: ...../…./……….

Place of birth (city and country): ………………………………………..

Nationality: ….

Address (street, postal code, country): …………………………………………………………………..

Holder of a Master Degree in **………………………………………………..,** awarded by the University of …………………………………. on …../…./……

**Article 2**. **Designation of the home institution**

For the doctoral candidate in this agreement, the home institution, responsible for overall administration and home of the principal supervisor, is the University of……

**Article 3**. **Doctoral program**

The doctoral candidate shall attend a doctoral program involving both partner institutions for a duration of 36 months, including the writing of the doctoral thesis, from …/…/….. to …../…./….. (academic years ……………….).

If necessary, the period may be extended by mutual consent, account being taken of the applicable regulations at each partner institution.

At the University of ……………………….…. the doctoral candidate shall be enrolled in the Ph.D. course in ……………………………………………………………………………… and carry out his/her research activity at the Department/Institute of ……….

At the University of Catania the doctoral candidate shall be enrolled in the Ph.D. course in **…………… - cycle ……………** and carry out his/her research activity at the Department of …………………………………… of the aforementioned institution.

For the entire duration of the doctoral program, the doctoral candidate shall be registered at both institutions and pay enrolment and tuition fees at the home institution, University of ….

**Article 4**. **Supervision of the doctoral candidate**

The doctoral candidate's thesis supervisors shall be:

At the University of ……..:

Name: Prof. Dr. …………………….

Department of ……………………………………..

At the University of Catania

Name: Prof. ………………………………

Department of …………………

**Article 5: Planning of research activities**

The doctoral candidate shall carry out his research activity at both partner institutions according to the following plan:

**Expected periods at the University of …………………………….., Department of …………………..** (for each year tick the months when the candidate is going to attend).

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**Expected periods at the University of Catania, Department of Physics and Astronomy:**

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**Article 6**. **Doctoral thesis**

The subject of the doctoral thesis shall be:

*…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….*

The doctoral thesis shall be written and defended in: (tick the box)

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|  | Italian |  | English |  | Other language (please specify) |

An abstract of the doctoral thesis shall be written and presented in:

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|  | Italian |  | English |

**Article 7**. **Committee for the thesis dissertation**

The members of the committee for the thesis dissertation shall be appointed upon mutual consent of the partner institutions. The committee shall be composed by at least three members, one of which from the University of ……….(home institution), one from the University of Catania and one external to the partner institutions.

**Article 8 Thesis dissertation and awarding of Ph.D. degrees**

The thesis dissertation shall be held at the University of ……………………………………………

Upon successful completion of the thesis dissertation, each partner institution shall award the doctoral candidate its final national qualification as following:

The University of…………………………………………………… shall award the Ph.D. degree in ……………………………………………………………………

The University of Catania shall award the Ph.D. degree in **……………… – cycle ……………………..**

**Article 9. Protection of the research results**

In each country, the protection of the thesis subject, the deposit and the reproduction of the thesis as well as the publication and exploitation of the results of doctoral candidate’s research work shall be ruled by the legislation applicable in that country.

**Article 10**. **Financial arrangements**

All the expenses incurred by the doctoral candidate during the entire duration of the doctoral program and until the date of his/her thesis dissertation, including those related to health, accident and third party liability insurance, shall be the responsibility of the doctoral candidate or the University designated as home institution.

Each partner institution shall cover the expenses incurred by its member within the committee for the thesis dissertation. The cover for the expenses incurred by the external member of the committee for the thesis dissertation shall be mutually agreed between the partner institutions.

Article 11. **Final measures**

This agreement shall be written in three (3) copies.

This agreement shall be in force for the entire duration of the doctoral program as stated in article 3 and remain valid until the date of the doctoral candidate’s thesis dissertation.

Any modifications to this agreement or any termination prior to the abovementioned expiry date must be in writing and signed by the signatory authorities from both partner institutions.

The partner institutions shall use their best effort to settle any dispute arising in connection with this agreement on an amicable basis.

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| The President of the University of………  Prof. ……………………………………  ……………………………………………………..  Signature  Date: …………………………………………….  Seal of the Institution | The Rector of the University of Catania  Prof. Francesco Priolo  ……………………………………………………..  Signature  Date: …………………………………………….  Seal of the Institution |
| The Thesis Supervisor at the University of …..  Prof. ………  ……………………………………………………..  Signature  Date: ……………………………………………. | The Thesis Supervisor at the University of Catania  Prof. ………  ……………………………………………………..  Signature  Date: ……………………………………………. |
| The Coordinator of the Ph.D. course/Head of doctoral school at the University of …………………..  Prof. ………  ……………………………………………………..  Signature  Date: ……………………………………………. | The Coordinator of the Ph.D. course at the University of Catania  Prof. ………  ……………………………………………………..  Signature  Date: ……………………………………………. |
| The Doctoral candidate: Name and Surname  ……………………………………………………………………..  Signature | |