

Regulations of the EPFL Doctoral Commission

1st July 2026

LEX 1.9.4

The Direction of the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne,
based on the Ordinance of 1st March 2004 on the organisation of EPFL, status as at 1st
January 2026¹,
hereby adopts the following:

Article 1 Missions

¹ The Doctoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as “Cdoct”) draws up proposals for improving doctoral education for the attention of the Vice Presidency in charge of doctoral studies and the EPFL Direction.

² It decides on issues and strategies relating to doctoral education at EPFL, in particular those relating to the doctoral curriculum (admission, candidacy examination, annual reports, extensions and oral examination), the supervision and support provided to doctoral candidates (requirements of thesis directors, mentoring), the study plans of doctoral program, the study plan of the Doctoral School (transversal skills courses) and the organisation of doctoral program.

Article 2 Composition of the Cdoct

¹ The following members of the Cdoct are entitled to vote:

- the Associate Vice-President for Doctoral and Lifelong Education (AVP-DLE), who chairs the Cdoct,
- the doctoral program directors
- up to 6 EPFL PhD student representatives (with one vote for the entire representation).

² The following persons shall be invited to attend the Cdoct on a permanent basis, without the right to vote:

- the Deputy of the AVP-DLE responsible for the management of the Doctoral School,
- the Deputy of the Head of the Registrar’s Office, in charge of the doctoral office,
- the administrative staff involved in the management of the Doctoral School.

³ Other persons shall be invited to participate in the Cdoct, without the right to vote, depending on the topics discussed.

Article 3 Meetings

¹ The Cdoct meets four times a year.

² The Presidency of the Cdoct may organise extraordinary meetings.

³ The agenda of the meeting shall be sent to the members and persons invited to attend at least five working days in advance.

⁴ Minutes of the meeting shall be drawn up and submitted to the Cdoct for approval at the next meeting.

⁵ The Associate Vice Presidency for Doctoral and Lifelong Education shall provide the secretariat.

¹ [LEX 1.1.1](#)

Article 4 Resolutions

¹ The resolutions of the Cdoct are adopted by a simple majority of the votes represented at a meeting.

² The Presidency of the Cdoct may decide to put an item to a vote by e-mail.

Article 5 Entry into force

These regulations came into force on 1st July 2026.

On behalf of the EPFL Direction:

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