

Dear student,

The International Award is endowed to thesis research with special international projection. To apply for the award, your research has to be compliant with the following conditions:

a) Before finishing his thesis, the student has to have carried a secondment in non-Spanish research institutions of total minimal duration of three months (it can be fractioned) developing a research related with his PhD research. For a valid secondment, the student has to be external to hosting research institutions.

b) The complete thesis report or, at least, the summary and conclusions should be written in a language standard for scientific communication, different from Spanish or any other official language in Spain. This rule is not applicable if the secondment is carried on in a Spanish-speaking country.

c) The thesis report has to be examined by two PhD independent experts from a non-Spanish institution.

d) The defence evaluation committee has to include at least one international PhD expert different from the host of the secondment and from the two international experts in part c).

The student has to ask for the approval of the secondment to the Academic Commission before the secondment is started. For this the student will submit the official with the approval from his advisor.

After the secondment, the student should download to RAPI, the following:

- a) Certification of the secondment completion from the non-Spanish hosting institution.
- b) Form used to request the approval of the Academic Commission
- c) Letter of approval from the Academic Commission.

When submitting the thesis report, the student has to include in the submission, the following

- a) Application form fro the International Award
- b) Certification of the secondment completion from the non-Spanish hosting institution (same as the one uploaded to RAPI).
- c) Reports from the two external non-Spanish PhD experts.

That's all. If you have any doubts do not hesitate to contact me at dfatech@usal.es

Best regards



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