

With the new thesis submission rules you have read about, there are four possible scenarios with the following timelines:

1) New official timeline

- a: By **30 September 2025**: REQUEST for **ADMISSION TO FINAL EXAM**
- b: By **31 October 2025**: **THESIS SUBMISSION, SUMMARY SHEET, and PROPOSED REVIEWERS**
- c: By **15 December 2025**: **APPROVAL by the BOARD and OPINION of the REVIEWERS**
- d: By **15 January 2026**: **IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY REVISIONS REQUESTED by the REVIEWERS**
- e: By **FEBRUARY 2026**: **THESIS DEFENSE**

2) Timeline with 3-month extension (same as last year)

- a: By **30 September 2025**: REQUEST for **3-MONTH EXTENSION**
- b: By **31 January 2026**: **THESIS SUBMISSION, SUMMARY SHEET, and PROPOSED REVIEWERS**
- c: By **31 March 2026**: **APPROVAL by the BOARD and OPINION of the REVIEWERS**
- d: By **15 April 2026**: **IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY REVISIONS REQUESTED by the REVIEWERS**
- e: By **MAY 2026**: **THESIS DEFENSE**

3) Timeline with 4- to 7-month extension

- a: By **30 September 2025**: REQUEST for **4- to 7-MONTH EXTENSION**
- b: From **1 March to 31 May 2026**: **THESIS SUBMISSION, SUMMARY SHEET, and PROPOSED REVIEWERS**
- c: By **31 July 2026**: **APPROVAL by the BOARD and OPINION of the REVIEWERS**
- d: By **31 August 2026**: **IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY REVISIONS REQUESTED by the REVIEWERS**
- e: By **SEPTEMBER 2026**: **THESIS DEFENSE**

4) Timeline with 8- to 12-month extension (*only in exceptional cases*)

- a: By **30 September 2025**: REQUEST for **8- to 12-MONTH EXTENSION**
- b: By **31 October 2026**: **THESIS SUBMISSION, SUMMARY SHEET, and PROPOSED REVIEWERS**
- c: By **15 December 2026**: **APPROVAL by the BOARD and OPINION of the REVIEWERS**
- d: By **15 January 2027**: **IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY REVISIONS REQUESTED by the REVIEWERS**
- e: By **FEBRUARY 2027**: **THESIS DEFENSE**

As a result, IN ALL CASES, BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025, PHD STUDENTS OF CYCLE XXXVIII MUST COMMUNICATE THEIR CHOICE