

PhD Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Conditions for PhD supervision

Based on the experience of the previous years, and in order to improve the quality of the supervision process, the Scientific Committee of PDEEC decided (in 2014) to define more strict conditions under which it will approve proposals for PhD supervision:

1) *Limits*

A supervisor should not have more than 6 PhD students full-time under his/her supervision. In the case of co-supervision, each student counts 50%. Similarly for the case of part-time students.

2) *Required experience and activity*

Similar to what is practiced in many other universities, the Scientific Committee considers that junior doctors without supervision experience should not start as main supervisors. Furthermore, a PhD supervisor needs to be an active researcher with adequate scientific productivity. Therefore, **in order to qualify as main supervisor** a doctor should both:

- Have successfully supervised / co-supervised at least one PhD student.
- Have at least 2 journal papers indexed in the Science Citation Index during the last 3 years.

Unexperienced doctors candidate to a first supervision should both:

- Be co-supervisors (naturally in collaboration with an experienced supervisor).
- Have at least 2 journal papers indexed in the Science Citation Index during the last 3 years.