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Title I – General principles

Art. 1 - Scope

1. The present Regulations govern the creation and functioning of doctoral programmes at Politecnico di Torino in accordance with the provisions set forth in: art. 4 of Law no. 210 dated 3rd July 1998, amended by art. 19, paragraph 1 of Law no. 240 dated 30th December 2010, Ministerial Decree no. 226 dated 14th December 2021, Ministerial Decree no. 301 dated 22nd March 2022 and the Statute of Politecnico di Torino.
2. The present Regulations cover the general principles governing doctoral programmes at Politecnico di Torino. Further technical details for the application of these Regulations will be contained in the document "Operating procedures for the application of the Regulations on doctoral programmes at Politecnico di Torino" (hereinafter referred to as the "Operating procedures") prepared and updated by the Doctoral School, with the approval of the Doctoral School Board itself.
3. When doctoral programmes are organized in agreement or consortium with other universities and public or private research institutions, the rules laid down by these specific agreements are also applicable.

Art. 2 - Doctoral programme goals

1. The goal of a doctoral programme is to train highly-qualified researchers by providing them with the skills they need to engage in research in universities, in private and public organisation or for a career in the public administration.
2. In line with the principles and guidelines shared at European level, doctoral programmes prepare graduates to:
 - a) independently conceive, design, implement and adapt research or innovation programmes;
 - b) conduct critical analyses and evaluations of ideas and processes, both new and complex, in research institutions, in industry, in the public administration and as free-lance professionals.
 - c) contribute, through the acquisition of new scientific and transversal skills, to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals identified by the United Nations General Assembly, of the targets set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and their declination in European policies;
 - d) contribute to the creation of the European Higher Education and Research Area, considering the relevant Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance.
3. In order to achieve the objectives set forth in paragraph 1, based on the "Principles for Innovative Doctoral Education" approved at European level, doctoral programmes:
 - a) pursue the advancement of knowledge through education to basic and applied research and strive for excellence on the basis of academic standards established through peer review procedures;
 - b) are organized in an attractive and stimulating academic environment where doctoral candidates learn autonomy and responsibility useful for their future professional career;
 - c) promote opportunities for interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary training, including in non-academic fields, such as industry, public administration, service and cultural institutions, with the participation of experts in the training activities;

- d) contribute to the strengthening of transnational and international relations in the field of research, also by running joint and co-tutelle doctoral programmes. Doctoral programmes also give candidates the opportunity to spend periods of study and research abroad consistent with their research projects;
- e) allow doctoral candidates to gain transversal skills that can be transferred and developed in scientific and professional fields;
- f) are carried out within the framework of a quality assurance system that is different from the systems of Bachelor's and Master's education and seeks to improve the quality of the research environment and to foster transparent and accountable procedures for admissions, supervision, doctoral degree conferral and professional development of doctoral candidates.

Art. 3 – Doctoral programme duration

1. The period of study for doctoral programmes at Politecnico di Torino is three years, except for the cases referred to in art. 7 of Ministerial decree no. 226/2021. The duration of doctoral programmes can be extended when there are international agreements or specific agreements signed by the University with companies or institutions.

Title II – Doctoral School

Art. 4 - Scope

1. The Doctoral School of Politecnico di Torino (hereinafter referred to as the “School”), has been established within the meaning of art. 24 of the Statute of Politecnico. Its objective is to promote, organize and manage teaching related to doctoral programmes and the Postgraduate School, in accordance with the guidelines identified by the Governing Bodies of the University.
2. The School seeks to harmonize the various doctoral programmes while preserving their necessary specificity. The School's objective is also to coordinate training and cultural activities, monitor their quality, promote and manage strategies and scientific policies which have an impact on doctoral programmes, as defined by the Governing Bodies of the University.
3. The Doctoral School, in consultation with the Departments, organizes post-graduate courses and promotes the development of soft skills, in addition to highly-specialized scientific and technological knowledge provided by each doctoral programme.

Art. 5 – Organization of the Doctoral School

1. The bodies of the Doctoral School are: the Director, the Doctoral School Board and the Doctoral School Executive Committee.
2. The Director:
 - is the head of the School;
 - guides the School and its activities;
 - identifies the strategies to promote the School's activities;
 - stipulates thesis co-tutelle agreements referred to in art. 17;

- chairs the Doctoral School Board and the Executive Committee;
 - represents the School in the university bodies and outside Politecnico;
 - represents the School in the University Committee for Research, Technology Transfer and Services to Community
3. The Director can designate a Deputy Director to replace him/her in all functions in case of absence or impediment. As part of a coordinated programme of activities, the Director can make use of delegates, in the maximum number of six, chosen from among tenured professors and permanent researchers of Politecnico. The Director identifies their tasks and responsibilities.
 4. The Doctoral School Board promotes the cultural aspects of teaching and research cooperation with other universities, institutions and research centres, both at national and international level. The Board:
 - identifies the guidelines for the activities of the Doctoral School and of the Postgraduate School, even on a multiannual basis;
 - determines and coordinates the teaching framework related to doctoral programmes and specialization programmes;
 - approves post-graduate doctoral courses;
 - approves high-level courses and courses on soft skills;
 - approves the list of faculty members and external teaching staff who are responsible for post-graduate courses;
 - expresses a binding opinion about the opening of new doctoral programmes;
 - expresses a binding opinion about the opening of doctoral programmes organized in agreement with other universities;
 - decides on the admission requirements for doctoral programme and the criteria to evaluate candidates.
 - makes proposals to the Board of Governors about the allocation of funds for doctoral scholarships.
 - approves the operating procedures used to manage doctoral programmes, including admission requirements and the rules for the attainment of the doctoral degree;
 - approves the procedures and criteria used to offer quality awards to doctoral candidates and manages the budget allocated to this end by the Board of Governors;
 - defines the responsibilities of the Executive Committee;
 - appoints the members of the Executive Committee.
 5. The Doctoral School Board is composed of:
 - the Director of the Doctoral School;
 - five university professors, also not on the staff of Politecnico di Torino, who are widely well-known for their scientific activity; they are appointed by the Rector upon nomination of the Academic Senate;
 - the Coordinators of the Academic Boards of Politecnico doctoral programmes and the Director of the Postgraduate School;
 - three representatives of doctoral candidates and Postgraduate School students, elected according to the procedures defined in the Regulations for the election of student representatives in the governing bodies and in other bodies of the University;
 6. The members of the Doctoral School Board referred to in point b) of the preceding paragraph hold office for three years. The members of the Doctoral School Board referred to in point d) hold office for two years and can be renewed only once, provided that they maintain their status of doctoral candidate / Postgraduate School student.

7. The composition of the Doctoral School Board may be extended to include some representatives with an advisory role from research institutions, local authorities, corporations and associations that contribute to fund the School's activities. The Board can also appoint representatives from doctoral programmes organized in agreement with other universities in which Politecnico is not the administrative headquarters.
8. The same rules governing the operation of the university bodies set out in the General Regulations of the University also apply to the Doctoral School Board.
9. The Executive Committee consists of the Director of the School and five members of the Board identified by the Board itself, including at least one doctoral candidate or one Postgraduate School student.
10. The Executive Committee decides on all matters for which it has been delegated by the Board.

Art. 6 - Appointment of the Doctoral School Director

1. The Doctoral School Director is a first segment professor of the University appointed by the Rector on recommendation of the Doctoral School. His/her term of office is three years and can be renewed only once.
2. Candidatures are presented with the support of at least 15 and no more than 20 signatures of faculty members belonging to at least three different Departments of the University. Each candidature shall be accompanied by the CV of the candidate from which we can deduce:
 - high scientific profile;
 - proven organizational and managerial skills in scientific research and teaching;
 - demonstrated ability to organize collaboration projects and international exchange programmes;
 - statement that, in case of appointment, he/she will not hold other offices which appear manifestly incompatible with his/her work as Director of the School or may lead to a conflict of interest.
3. If the candidatures received are more than four, the same are sent to an external evaluation committee identified by the Academic Senate. The Committee prepares a shortlist of up to four candidates giving reasons for the selection. The Committee consists of three well-known individuals of proven scientific reputation, preferably Directors of Doctoral Schools from other universities selected on the basis of the reputation of their Schools, after having verified that they are not involved in any form with the candidates.
4. The most senior member among the Coordinators of the doctoral programmes will convene a meeting of the Doctoral School Board. The Rector will be invited to take part in it. During this meeting the Board will choose its candidate and vote by secret ballot and by a qualified majority of two-thirds. In the event that no candidate achieves such majority, during the same meeting there will be a runoff vote between the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes. The candidate who achieves the absolute majority of votes in the runoff will be designated by the Board. The Board will propose his/her name to the Rector who will evaluate his/her appointment as Director of the Doctoral School.
5. For the purpose of the procedures referred to in the previous paragraph 4, it is to be specified that only the parties b), c) and d) of the Doctoral School Board, as defined in article 5, are entitled to vote. With reference to the Board members indicated in paragraph c), the Coordinators of the doctoral programmes offered in the same academic year in which voting is held are entitled to cast their votes.
6. The professor who is appointed Director of the Doctoral School must opt for full-time duty before his/her appointment.

7. The role of Director of the Doctoral School and the role of Coordinator of a doctoral programme are not compatible.

Title III – Creation, opening and evaluation of doctoral programmes

Art. 7 - Creation and opening of doctoral programmes

1. Doctoral programmes are proposed by a group of faculty members (at least equal to the minimum number of members of the Academic Board required for accreditation), upon approval of all the Departments which ensure the availability of their facilities and resources.
2. Each proposal for the creation of a doctoral programme must be submitted by June 30th of each year and must specify the scientific-disciplinary fields or areas of reference, the main research topics related to broad and clearly defined areas, the educational objectives, the related research and teaching programmes. In addition, the proposal must specify:
 - a) the Department that manages the doctoral programme, if it is an interdepartmental programme;
 - b) the scientific project of the doctoral programme;
 - c) the names of the university professors and researchers proposed as members of the Academic Board;
 - d) the specific operational and scientific facilities explicitly dedicated to doctoral candidates;
 - e) the financial resources made available by the proposing bodies for the doctoral programme (grants, operating funds, research and internationalization funds);
 - f) possible collaborations with public and private bodies, Italian and international, also in order to ensure more financial resources for the programme implementation and for doctoral candidates' placement;
 - g) the overall number of doctoral candidates that can be admitted per cycle;
 - h) any curricula into which the programme is divided.
3. The procedure for opening a new doctoral programme includes the following steps:
 - a) the mandatory opinion of the Doctoral School Board;
 - b) the positive opinion of the University Evaluation Board about its compliance with the accreditation requirements;
 - c) the mandatory opinion of the Academic Senate.
 - d) the resolution of the Board of Governors requesting the opening of the new programme.
4. Doctoral programmes may be organized as joint programmes by signing agreements or establishing consortia with other Italian and foreign universities, highly-qualified public or private research institutions, companies working in the field of high-level research and development, in accordance with current regulations. In any case the cultural and scientific educational purpose of the doctoral programme must be safeguarded as well as the reciprocity in the provision of resources among the parties. The methods for the creation and operation of these doctoral programmes are set forth in a special agreement, approved by the Board of Governors upon favourable opinion of the Doctoral School Board and submitted to the approval procedure referred to in paragraph 3 of this article.

5. It is the Doctoral School's responsibility to submit the application for accreditation for all doctoral programmes which have administrative offices at Politecnico di Torino. The application must include the supporting documents that prove that the programme meets the requirements and the maximum number of places for which accreditation is requested. The application for accreditation may also cover single curricula of doctoral programmes that have been already accredited. Upon favourable opinion of ANVUR and in compliance with the European Standards and Guidelines, the Ministry decides on the accreditation of the doctoral programmes proposed by the University which develop specific, wide, original, qualified and continuous activities in the field of both teaching and research, that must also be internationally recognized.
6. The accreditation system is organized in a preliminary authorization to open the doctoral programmes, in the accreditation of the university where they take place and in a periodic assessment to verify if the requirements for accreditation are still in place, following the procedures established by the law.
7. Every year the Board of Governors adopts a resolution for the opening of doctoral programmes.
8. The accreditation of the universities and programmes has a five-year duration.
Without prejudice to periodic monitoring and assessment, accreditation shall be evaluated for confirmation or revocation when there is a change in the name of the programmes or in the composition of the Academic Board, by more than twenty-five percent compared to the initial composition, or if the Coordinator of the Academic Board is replaced by another person, subject to the fulfilment of the requirements provided for by the law for each member of the Board.

Art. 8 – Financial resources

1. The Board of Governors allocates the resources for doctoral scholarships, applying criteria that have been approved in advance, within the limits of available funds and in compliance with current regulations.
2. Additional doctoral scholarships may also be funded or co-funded by the Departments of Politecnico di Torino by means of agreements with public and private organizations.

Art. 9 - Evaluation of doctoral programmes

1. The annual monitoring activity of ANVUR is intended to verify if a doctoral programme continues to meet the initial accreditation requirements. This evaluation is also conducted on the basis of the results of the inspections carried out by the University internal evaluation bodies.
2. When the evaluation reveals that that one or more requirements are no longer met, after a cross-examination with the university, the accreditation is revoked by Ministerial decree, upon favourable opinion of ANVUR, with immediate effect on the opening of new doctoral cycles, without prejudice to the completion of ongoing doctoral programmes.
3. The Doctoral School periodically reports to the governing bodies on issues regarding the efficiency and proper functioning of its doctoral programmes.

Title IV – Organization of doctoral programmes

Art.10 – Bodies of doctoral programmes

1. The Coordinator and the Academic Board are the bodies of each doctoral programme.
2. The Coordinator is a full-time full professor, elected by the Academic Board from among a list of candidates certified by a Committee within the meaning of next paragraph. He/she is responsible for managing the doctoral programme on account of his/her skills and experience. If he/she is unavailable for justified reasons, the Coordinator can be chosen from among full-time associate professors who meet the requirements to become full professors or to act as ASN examiners. The Coordinator may also be the Research Director of an Italian or international institution. In all cases, the Coordinator must have a number of years of service which is at least equal to the term of office before the date of his/her retirement; moreover, the Coordinator needs to meet the scientific requirements provided for by the Ministerial guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral programmes. A professor can be the Coordinator of one Board only at Italian level.
3. After the submission of the candidatures, the Doctoral School Board appoints a Committee which verifies that the candidates meet the eligibility criteria and prepares a certified list of all candidates.
4. When a doctoral programme is jointly organized with other universities, the Coordinator is chosen according to the rules set forth in the agreement between the parties.
5. The Coordinator holds office for three years and can be renewed only once, including in the event that his/her first mandate has lasted less than three years. In the event of early resignation of the previous Coordinator, the new Coordinator will hold office until the mandate of his/her predecessor comes to an end.
6. The Coordinator is required to carry out the following tasks:
 - coordinates and organizes doctoral training and related administrative activities;
 - promotes the programme in order to attract new doctoral candidates and funds;
 - designs the course catalogue for post-graduate programmes in cooperation with the Academic Board;
 - submits a proposal for post-graduate programmes to the Academic Board;
 - is responsible for the organization and overall functioning of the doctoral programme and the courses provided therein;
 - participates in the internationalization activities organized by the Doctoral School;
 - submits proposals for high level courses to the Doctoral School Board; such proposals need to be approved by the Head of Department and must include the names and the CVs of the teaching staff involved;
 - expresses his/her opinion on the activation of doctoral scholarships;
 - convenes and chairs the Academic Board;
 - is in charge of the internal communication among the Academic Board, the School and the Departments involved;
 - may appoint a Vice-Coordinator, chosen from among the members of the Academic Board, who can replace him/her in all his/her duties in case of absence or impediment;
 - performs the functions delegated by the Academic Board;
 - reports about the activities of doctoral programmes to the Department Councils involved;

- authorizes doctoral candidates to carry out activities outside Politecnico and verifies if these activities are consistent with the educational path of the candidates.
7. The Academic Board is responsible for the design and implementation of the doctoral programme. It supervises the training activities of the programme; it provides guidance to doctoral candidates through the identification of their Supervisors; it verifies the achievement of their educational goals. Each member of the Board is allowed to take part in one Board only at national level. Participation in another Board is possible only if the doctoral programme is jointly organized with another university, as illustrated in art. 7, par. 4 of the present Regulations, including industrial doctoral programmes and doctoral programmes of national interest.
 8. Taking into account, where possible, the gender balance, the Board must be composed of a minimum of twelve members, at least half of which must be tenured full or associate professors, and the remainder must be tenured researchers from universities or public research institutions, or, in the event of doctoral programmes jointly organized with public research institutions, they can also be research managers or researchers of the institutions themselves, without prejudice to the minimum quota of professors. For the purposes of accreditation, the researchers referred to in art. 24, par. 3 letter B) of Law 240/2010 are considered as tenured researchers. Experts who are not on the staff of any university or public research institution, with proven scientific or professional expertise in research areas consistent with the educational objectives of the doctoral programme, may be part of the Academic Board, up to a maximum of one third of its overall members. Some representatives of doctoral candidates also sit on the Board and are elected by the doctoral candidates enrolled in each programme, in order to discuss teaching and organizational issues, in accordance with current regulations. At the discretion of the Academic Board, in cases of proven scientific interest, the composition of the Board can be enlarged to include also some representatives of public and private institutions where the research activity is conducted and some representatives of the external institutions which offer funding for doctoral scholarships. These representatives can participate in the work of the Academic Board without the right to vote, and only for meetings related to them.
 9. The composition of the Academic Board has to comply with the ministerial regulations on accreditation requirements. In any case, researchers who are members of the Board must have a scientific qualification in line with the necessary requirements for access to the functions of associate professor. Professors must have a scientific qualification in line with the necessary requirements for access to the functions of the role they belong to. The members of the Board on the staff of foreign universities or research institutions must meet the minimum requirements for access to the functions of associate professor. The composition of the Academic Board must in all cases comply with the ministerial provisions regarding the requirements for accreditation.
 10. For doctoral programmes jointly organized with other institutions in the Academic Board composition has to ensure the equal representation of the teaching staff pertaining to all the institutions involved and has to comply with the ministerial requirements for accreditation.
 11. Every year the Academic Board updates its own composition. In case of nomination of teaching staff pertaining to other universities, their admission is submitted to the authorization of the competent body of their university. The participation of Politecnico faculty members to the Academic Boards of programmes organized by other Universities is subject to the approval of the Academic Senate. Faculty members who meet the minimum requirements referred to in art. 4, par. 1, letter a) of Ministerial decree no. 2013 of 8th February 2013 and subsequent amendments cannot belong to other Academic Boards at national level.

12. The Academic Board performs the following tasks of proposal and control over the activities of the doctoral programme and, in accordance with the operating procedures of the Doctoral School, it makes the following decisions:

- approves the research and training curriculum of each doctoral candidate and it identifies his/her Supervisor/s;
- proposes the post-graduate course catalogue related to the specific doctoral programme;
- proposes the names of the internal and external teaching staff responsible for the courses, after receiving the positive opinion of the Head of the Department when its internal teaching staff is concerned;
- proposes to appoint external lecturers on the staff of other universities or experts with proven expertise (that can be deduced from their CV) who will be responsible for teaching some courses;
- approves co-teaching appointments and chooses the internal and external teaching staff who is assigned to perform these tasks, upon proposal of the faculty member who is officially responsible for the course;
- authorizes doctoral candidates to carry out remunerated activities, after verifying that these activities are compatible with their academic performance in the doctoral programme;
- defines the minimum criteria for training and research of doctoral candidates;
- periodically monitors the performance of doctoral candidates (continuity and quality) and intervenes in case of deviation from the criteria defined;
- upon reasoned recommendation of the Supervisor, it may resolve the doctoral candidate's forfeiture from the programme, even during the year;
- evaluates the activity report submitted by each doctoral candidate at the end of the year and decides whether the candidate can be admitted to the following year of the programme or to the oral defence;
- approves the proposals submitted by the principal investigators for the opening of doctoral programmes offered in the apprenticeship or industrial format. After the approval of the Academic Board, these proposals need to go through the standard approval process.
- proposes new partnerships and exchange programmes with other Italian and foreign universities and public and private organizations which carry out specific high-level research in order to improve the opportunities offered to doctoral candidates;
- annually evaluates the academic performance of doctoral candidates to assign quality awards.

Art. 11 – Educational project and course catalogue

1. The educational project of a doctoral candidate consists in:
 - (a) developing an individual research programme in a specific disciplinary field among those included in the doctoral programme, under the guidance of a Supervisor.
 - (b) attending doctoral-level lectures and activities that are complementary to research.
2. The Academic Board approves the individual research programme and training activities of each doctoral candidate. The operating procedures shall establish the minimum requirements and the methods to calculate the training activities, which may also be organized jointly with other doctoral programmes. Teaching must also include

interdisciplinary training activities in support of research and must provide the necessary tools for the future professional career of the doctoral candidate.

3. The Doctoral School defines, organizes and manages the following post-graduate training activities, also in cooperation with one or more Departments.
4. **Post-graduate courses:** they are specific courses offered in the framework of the post-graduate course catalogue. They aim to strengthen technical and specialized skills. The Academic Board of each doctoral programme proposes the list of post-graduate courses to the Doctoral School Board which is in charge of approving them annually, also in accordance with the process for teaching assignments for first and second level courses.
5. **High-level courses:** they are high-level courses of short duration, taught by external instructors of proven international scientific excellence, on frontier technology topics and innovative issues. They are proposed by the Coordinator of the doctoral programme, upon favourable opinion of the Head of the Department where the course will take place. Within the limits of the resources allocated annually by the Board of Governors, the Doctoral School Board approves the list of high-level courses that will be put in place and decides how much funding should be transferred to the Department which will organize them.
6. **Courses on soft skills:** they are courses on transferable skills (soft skills) offered in addition to the post-graduate course catalogue. They can be face-to-face or distance learning courses. Distance learning courses do not have a specific faculty member responsible for the course itself: after attending these courses, doctoral candidates can register them on the basis of a certificate of attendance and after having passed the online test. These courses are proposed by the Director of the Doctoral School, upon consultation with the Academic Boards. They are approved by the Doctoral School Board on the basis of specific criteria (priority and consistency) and within the limits of the resources annually allocated by the Board of Governors.

Art 12 – Supervisors

1. The Academic Board provides each doctoral candidate with a research topic and an Academic Supervisor who supervises his/her doctoral education. In case of doctoral programmes organized in agreement with a company or a research institution, it is possible to identify one or more Co-supervisors, chosen from among highly qualified professionals and experts in the subject matter. The Co-supervisors can be individuals who do not pertain to Politecnico nor to the partner institutions; they participate to the supervision of the research activities conducted by the doctoral candidate.
2. The Supervisor, assisted by any Co-supervisors, has to guide and assist the doctoral candidate in the composition of his/her study plan. The Supervisor is the candidate's focal point within the Academic Board and is responsible for the research activities and progress of the doctoral candidate as well as for his/her compliance with the ethical principles of the international scientific community and the Code of Ethical Conduct of the University. The Supervisor submits to the Academic Board a report and an evaluation which constitute the basis for admitting the doctoral candidate to the following year of the programme or to oral defence.
3. The DoI tool (Declaration of Intent) is made available by the Doctoral School in order to help doctoral candidates to plan their research project and to facilitate discussion with the Supervisors.
4. Supervisors and Co-supervisors who do not pertain to the Academic Board can be invited to participate to meetings about matters that involve them, without the right to vote.

5. Doctoral candidates are expected to stay in contact with their Supervisors, share with them the choice of the most suitable activities for their research project, update and discuss the progress of research in view of the final draft of the thesis.
6. The Supervisor can be replaced only under exceptional circumstances that must be justified by a formal and documented request submitted to the Academic Board.
7. The Supervisor is required to immediately report any critical situations that might arise to the Coordinator who will inform the Academic Board. The Academic Board is entitled to decide on the forfeiture of the doctoral candidate from the programme even during the year.

Title V – Cooperation with companies and external organizations

Art. 13 - Cooperation with companies and external organizations

1. The Doctoral School promotes the interaction with the socio-economic system. It fosters the active involvement of the most technologically advanced enterprises in the development of joint research and training activities, through an intensive exchange of knowledge and the integrated use of skills.
2. The Doctoral School promotes cooperation agreements focused on the financing of one or more doctoral scholarships with large, medium and small enterprises, craft enterprises and others institutions outside the University administration.
3. The agreements referred to in this article and in articles 14 e 15 must be approved by the Board of Governors and must provide for the following:
 - Doctoral training is under the University's responsibility, it being understood that the Supervisor chosen by the Academic Board can be supported by an external Co-supervisor on the staff of the partner organizations. The Co-supervisor is responsible for supervising the activities carried out by the doctoral candidate within the organization.
 - Any rights of industrial and intellectual property are governed by specific agreements.

Art. 14 – Doctoral programmes offered in apprenticeship format

1. Pursuant to art.50 of Legislative decree no. 276 of 10th September 2003 and Law no. 240 of 30th December 2010 and further amendments, it is possible to participate in a higher education programme offered in apprenticeship format for the attainment of a doctoral degree and be hired by a company with an apprenticeship contract at the same time.
2. The selected candidate is admitted to the doctoral programme without any scholarship and is hired by the company with an apprenticeship contract which has the same duration of the doctoral programme. Politecnico di Torino and the company adopt appropriate forms of coordination and integration along the entire length of the contract in order to deliver training and tutoring to the doctoral candidate.
3. The apprenticeship contract, signed in accordance with current legislation, ends after the achievement of the doctoral degree and/or at the end of the training path.
4. The doctoral candidate has the same obligations of the other doctoral candidates of his/her programme. In the event that the doctoral candidate withdraws from the doctoral programme, his/her apprenticeship contract will be terminated and vice versa.

5. Applicants intending to apply for a doctoral programme offered in apprenticeship format need to meet the requirements for admission to the doctoral programme and the requirements for being hired with an apprenticeship contract. A special evaluation committee is created to evaluate the applications received and publish the results of the selection process. This committee can also include some company representatives.

Art. 15 - Industrial doctoral programme

1. Universities, at the time of initial accreditation or later, may request that a doctoral programme is given the recognition of "industrial doctoral programme", as part of its denomination. This is possible for doctoral programmes organized on the basis of agreements or consortia that also include companies, including foreign businesses, engaged in research and development.
2. These agreements shall regulate:
 - (a) how to coordinate research activities between the parties;
 - (b) how doctoral candidates shall carry out research activities at the company. If the doctoral candidate is an employee of the company, the agreements must specify the total workload and the duration of the doctoral programme;
 - (c) how the company will promote technology transfer and development of the results of the research activities.
3. The research topics that are specific to industrial doctoral programmes shall emphasize the promotion of economic development and shall facilitate joint planning of the research topics and activities of doctoral candidates.
4. The calls for applications for admissions to industrial doctoral programmes, in accordance with the guidelines defined at European level and the development strategies of the national system and in compliance with the principles set forth in article 2, may:
 - (a) indicate specific requirements for conducting research, such as interdisciplinarity, membership in international networks and cross-sectoriality, with particular reference to the business sector;
 - (b) reserve a share of the available doctoral positions to the employees of the companies or institutions engaged in highly qualified activities, who can be admitted to the doctoral programme after the selection process.
5. In any case, the possibility set forth in article 45 of Legislative decree no. 81 of 15/06/2015, to sign apprenticeship contracts for industrial doctoral programmes remains in force, ensuring in all cases that research activities shall prevail. These apprenticeship contracts are considered equivalent to doctoral scholarships for the purposes of calculating the minimum number of participants required to run the programme.

Art. 16 – Doctoral programmes of national interest

1. A doctoral programme is considered of national interest if it meets the following requirements:
 - (a) demonstrably contributes to the advancement of research, including through the achievement of specific objectives belonging to the priority areas of intervention of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, including the programmes related to the promotion of innovative doctoral programmes for public administration and cultural heritage, or the National Research Programme or related National Plans;

b) provides, already at the accreditation stage, for the signing of agreements or for the establishment of consortia among several universities, as well as with high-level research institutions recognized at international level, including foreign organizations. These agreements shall govern the effective sharing of training and research activities, the terms and forms of financial support, the procedures for exchange and mobility of faculty and doctoral candidates and possible forms of co-tutelle;

c) provides, already at the accreditation stage, for the coordination and joint planning of research activities between at least one university and at least four subjects referred to in art. 7, par. 4 of the present Regulations, in order to deliver high-level training and to facilitate access to research infrastructures that are suitable for the research projects of doctoral candidates;

d) provides for at least thirty scholarships for each doctoral cycle. The amount of each scholarship is determined in accordance with the regulations in force. The share of the scholarship for research and training is increased by 20 per cent with ministerial funds.

2. Scholarships for doctoral programmes of national interest are awarded in accordance with the terms illustrated in the Call for applications by a Committee composed in a way that ensures the participation of foreign or external members who are not on the staff of the organizing institutions.

Title VI – Internationalization

Art. 17 – Internationalization of doctoral programmes

1. Politecnico considers the internationalization process of doctoral programmes to be of strategic importance for the University. It fosters the creation of a European higher education and research area. It promotes and supports international mobility for doctoral candidates, faculty members and researchers; it encourages doctoral candidates to participate in international training and research projects and also confers double degrees or joint degrees according to specific agreements.
2. In the call for applications for Politecnico doctoral programmes a number of doctoral positions may be reserved to applicants who graduated from foreign universities, scholarship recipients from foreign countries or candidates involved in specific international programmes; some doctoral scholarships and other funding sources can be reserved to applicants who have been awarded the degree required for admission to the doctoral programme from a foreign university.
3. In case of reserved doctoral positions, as explained in paragraph 2, the procedure for admissions to doctoral programmes may vary from the standard procedure. International or European collaborative projects can provide for specific organizational rules that take into account the peculiarities of the various projects, as long as these are carried out in the framework of accredited doctoral programmes.
4. For a better coordination of international high-level research activities, Politecnico is entitled to jointly organize doctoral programs with foreign universities and internationally renowned research institutions, in compliance with the principle of reciprocity, provided that these programmes previously receive the due accreditation.

Art.18 – Co-tutelle agreements

1. In order to promote and facilitate international cooperation in the framework of doctoral programmes, Politecnico enters into agreements with foreign universities or institutions. These agreements regulate the cooperation procedures and in particular the rules for co-tutelle theses.
2. In the framework of a co-tutelle agreement the doctoral candidate is expected to alternate research periods at Politecnico and at the partner university. The doctoral candidate writes his/her thesis under the supervision of two different Supervisors and is awarded the doctoral degree by both institutions. As a general rule, the doctoral candidate shall not spend less than 18 months at Politecnico di Torino.
3. A special agreement, signed by the Director of the Doctoral School in accordance with the guidelines of the Board of Governors, regulates the forms in which the doctoral candidate carries out his/her research and training and the requirements for the attainment of the degree. The details are illustrated in the operating procedures.

Title VII – Admission requirements for doctoral programmes

Art.19 - Admission requirements for doctoral programmes

1. The admission process for doctoral programmes begins with a preliminary verification conducted by a committee to ascertain whether the applicants meet the admission requirements. Decisions for admissions are made on a comparative evaluation of the applicants based on a public selection process that has to close approximately within 30th September of each year. This comparative evaluation is carried out by the Admissions Committee of each doctoral programme and is based on the applicants' motivations, educational background, professional expertise and attitude to research in scientific fields which are relevant to the doctoral programme.
2. Applicants who have a Master's degree or an academic degree obtained abroad and recognized as a suitable qualification are entitled to apply for admissions to doctoral programmes.
3. A specific University Committee evaluates the suitability of foreign qualifications which have not been recognized equivalent to the Italian *laurea magistrale* by any other Italian university. When a foreign qualification is declared suitable, this declaration is valid only for the purpose of admission to the selection process for a doctoral programme.
4. The Doctoral School Board decides on the admission requirements for doctoral programmes and on the criteria for the evaluation of applicants.
5. Scholarships for each doctoral programme can be assigned on the basis of separate ranking lists which take into consideration the attitudes of the applicants to perform various research activities.
6. When a doctoral programme is jointly organized with other universities, admission requirements are defined in the specific agreements/consortia signed between the parties.

Art. 20 – Admissions Committees

1. Upon favourable opinion of the Academic Board, by means of a decree, the Rector appoints the Admissions Committees which are in charge of the comparative evaluation of

applicants. The Admissions Committees are composed of at least three members chosen from among university teaching staff and researchers. In case of doctoral programmes jointly organized with high-level private or public research centres, the Committees can also be integrated by first researchers or research directors on the staff of partner organizations. When an Admissions Committee has to evaluate applicants who are competing for a fully-funded doctoral position with predefined research topic, the Committee can avail itself of external experts. In this case the final report has to include the experts' written opinion on the suitability of the applicants who are competing for the fully-funded positions with predefined research topic.

2. The Admissions Committee carries out the comparative evaluation of applicants, prepares the merit ranking list and selects the doctoral scholarship recipients from the ranking list.
3. The reports of the Admissions Committee, approved by Rector's decree, are properly brought to the attention of the public.

Art. 21 - Call for applications for admissions

1. The call for applications for admissions to doctoral programmes, issued by the Rector of Politecnico di Torino at least once a year, is written in Italian and in English, in accordance with the rules of the present Regulations and the Doctoral School operating procedures.
2. The call is published online on the website of Politecnico, on the European website of Euraxess and on the MUR website (Ministry of University and Research).
3. The call for applications includes:
 - a) the doctoral programmes that have been approved by the Board of Governors;
 - b) the number of doctoral positions available for each doctoral programme, including any reserved positions, as referred to in paragraph 2 of article 17;
 - c) the number of scholarships for each doctoral programme, the scholarships with predefined research topic (if any) and the criteria for the selection of scholarship recipients;
 - d) the number of apprenticeship contracts and any other kind of financial aid deriving from research funds or other funds of the University;
 - e) the criteria for admissions and for evaluation of the academic qualifications, as well as any written examination, including internationally recognized tests, or oral tests, if any;
 - f) the deadline and how to apply;
 - g) general and specific requirements;
 - h) how the ranking lists are formulated;
 - i) how the scholarships are assigned;
 - j) the scholarships amount;
 - k) how to enrol in a doctoral programme;
 - l) the tuition fees that doctoral candidates are required to pay.
4. The call for applications for each doctoral programme may provide for admission of eligible applicants in the event that selected candidates withdraw from the programme or if new funds become available.

Art. 22 - Transfers from other universities

1. Doctoral candidates who have attended at least one year of a doctoral programme in another Italian or foreign university, or individuals who have completed high-level training or research considered equivalent to a doctoral programme by the Doctoral School, can ask for clearance to apply directly to the second year of a Politecnico doctoral programme only if:
 - a) the Doctoral School of Politecnico di Torino offers a programme which has the same training and research objectives of the programme of origin;
 - b) the doctoral candidate provides the transcripts of the exams that he/she has passed at the university of origin and these exams are recognized by the Academic Board as equivalent to the courses required by Politecnico for admissions to the second year of
 - c) the doctoral programme;
 - d) the doctoral candidate passes an evaluation interview with the correspondent Academic Board;
 - e) the doctoral candidate has been admitted to the second year of the doctoral programme by the Academic Board of the university of origin.
2. In the event that the doctoral candidate is granted the clearance referred to in the preceding paragraph, the transfer can be made, after attesting the termination of engagement with the university of origin. The doctoral candidate enrolls in second year, in any case without any scholarship. The doctoral position taken by the transfer candidate must be included in the number of positions already available for the receiving doctoral programme.
3. The Academic Board decides on the number of credits to be recognized for the exams that the candidate has passed at the university of origin. The Academic Board also identifies a Supervisor for the doctoral candidate.

Title VIII – Rights and responsibilities of doctoral candidates

Art. 23 –Attendance, duties and incompatibility

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of art. 14 e 15, the participation in a doctoral programme requires exclusive full-time commitment.
2. A doctoral candidate is a university student enrolled in a post-graduate training programme and cannot be simultaneously enrolled in any other doctoral programme, academic programme or specialization course, in Italy or abroad.
3. A doctoral candidate attends an academic programme for the attainment of a degree. He/she has the rights and duties of any student. He/she also takes part in the research activities of the Departments. For this reason, in line with the European guidelines, he/she shall be considered as an *early stage researcher*.
4. Each doctoral candidate is required to comply with the educational project assigned by the Academic Board and, in particular, must:
 - (a) attend the scheduled courses and continuously carry out the study and research activities that are developed in the Department where he/she has been placed;
 - b) submit a detailed report on the educational and research activities carried out during the year to the Academic Board at the end of each year, for the purpose of admission to the

- following year or to the final examination. Individual doctoral programmes may provide for additional or different forms of evaluation of training and research;
- c) request prior authorization for work activities that are not included in the educational project, submitting the documentation deemed necessary by Academic Board;
 - d) comply with the policies of Politecnico on open access.
5. Doctoral candidates can spend study or research periods at other universities, research institutions, centres and laboratories, in Italy and abroad, up to a maximum of 18 months over the three years. The decision has to be made in agreement with the candidate's Supervisor. EU and international collaborative projects may provide for longer periods of training and research at other universities, research institutes, centres and laboratories, both in Italy and abroad. During such periods of stay outside Politecnico, doctoral candidates are required to interact with their Supervisors and undergo the required assessments in the manner defined by the Academic Board.
 6. As a general rule, each doctoral candidate is engaged in research and training activities that must be consistent with his/her doctoral project at high-level international institutions.
 7. Doctoral candidates (with and without scholarship) are given a budget in support of their research activity in an amount equal to at least 10% of the overall scholarship; with reference to doctoral programmes of national interest the value of this budget must be equal to 20% of the amount of the scholarship. Doctoral candidates must also be ensured an additional budget equal to at least 50% of the scholarship, calculated on a period of research abroad of a maximum of twelve months (this period may be extended to 18 months for co-tutelles or programmes jointly organized with foreign institutions. This provision does not apply to non-Italian doctoral candidates who are recipients of scholarships or financial support under specific mobility programs.
 8. Upon favourable opinion of the Academic Board, doctoral candidates must apply for enrolment in second or third year or register for the oral defence and pay the corresponding fees.
 9. The Academic Board may authorize a doctoral candidate to have a limited remunerated job if this job is compatible with his/her educational project and does not create a conflict of interest with the University. The job must have a schedule that allows the doctoral candidate to carry out his/her individual research project and attend classes.
 10. In the event that the doctoral candidate is hired as a public or private employee during the course of the doctoral programme, the Academic Board shall decide on his/her exclusion from the programme, subject to the following assumptions:
 - a) that the doctoral candidate renounces the scholarship paid by the University and that the Academic Board expresses a favourable opinion on the compatibility of the job with the doctoral programme;
 - b) that the doctoral candidate is placed on leave without pay or leave of absence by his/her employer until the end the doctoral programme.
 11. In any case, the university scholarship cannot be combined with allowances or other emoluments that may be received by the doctoral candidate (public or private employee) by reason of his/her placement on leave without pay or leave of absence.

Art. 24 - Suspension of studies

1. The parenting protection regulations set forth in the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security no. 247 of 12th July 2007, published in the Official Gazette of 23rd October 2007, apply to doctoral candidates. During maternity leave, the payment of the scholarship is interrupted and postponed until the end of the period of suspension.

2. The operating procedures of the Doctoral School provide further details on maternity and paternity leave for doctoral candidates.
3. Without prejudice to the cases provided for by the law, doctoral candidates can expressly request a suspension from studies for a minimum of one month to a maximum of six months in case of:
 - serious and documented illness;
 - Tirocinio Formativo Attivo (TFA, Italian teachers traineeship);
 - serious documented personal or family problems, after receiving expressed approval of the Academic Board which verifies whether the suspension of studies is compatible with the candidate's research activity;
4. The periods of suspension and periods of extension referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 32 may not exceed a total of eighteen months, without prejudice to specific cases provided for by law.
5. No scholarship or other equivalent financial support shall be paid during the entire duration of the suspension. All academic deadlines will be postponed until the end of the period of suspension

Art. 25 – Forfeiture, exclusion and withdrawal from studies

1. A doctoral candidate is declared forfeited with consequent automatic termination of his/her academic progress in the following cases:
 - a) failure to enrol in the following year or failure to register for the final examination within the deadlines;
 - b) failure to defend his/her doctoral thesis at the final examination within the deadlines;
 - c) termination of the employment relationship with the company where the doctoral candidate is working in the framework of an industrial doctoral programmes or apprenticeship programme for reasons that are attributable the doctoral candidate.
2. The Academic Board, at any time, may decide on the exclusion of a doctoral candidate from the programme in case of:
 - a) negative assessment on the activity carried out in the framework of the educational project;
 - b) prolonged and unjustified absence, not approved by the Academic Board;
 - c) failing grade in the evaluations scheduled at the end of each year;
 - d) work activities carried out by the doctoral candidate outside his/her educational project not approved in advance by the Academic Board.
 - e) if the doctoral candidate is hired as a public or private employee during the course of the doctoral programme, without prejudice to the cases referred to in art, 23 par. 10.
3. When a doctoral candidate is excluded from the programme, the scholarship disbursement is interrupted starting from the date of exclusion.
4. Exclusion and forfeiture are ordered by Rector's decree notified to the interested party.
5. A doctoral candidate may request a withdrawal from studies at any time. When a doctoral candidate withdraws from the programme, the scholarship is interrupted starting from the date of withdrawal and the doctoral candidate's academic progress is cancelled. The operating procedures shall govern the terms and deadlines for requesting a withdrawal from studies.

Art. 26 - Rules of behaviour

1. Doctoral candidates are required to maintain a behaviour that is respectful of the principles and norms of the Code of Ethical Conduct of Politecnico di Torino and the University Regulations. They also have to uphold international standards for research integrity.
2. Doctoral candidates are required to conduct their research activities consistently with the fundamental ethical rules of the university community; in particular they must not present someone else's work as their own without citing the sources. To this end, the originality of doctoral theses is checked with specific plagiarism detection software.
3. Violation of academic ethics and infringement of rules of behaviour entails disciplinary responsibility of the doctoral candidate. The procedure intended to ascertain a possible misconduct follows the rules laid down in the Student Regulations of the University.

Art. 27 - Scholarships

1. Scholarships start to be paid from the beginning of the doctoral programme in monthly instalments.
2. Scholarships have a one-year duration and are renewed if the Academic Board decides to admit the doctoral candidate to the next year of the programme, after verifying that he/she has completed all the tasks assigned.
3. The scholarship amount cannot be lower than the amount provided for by the decree of the Ministry of University and Research dated 23rd February 2022. The scholarship is increased by 50% up to a maximum of 12 months totally over the three years for any research period spent abroad (authorized by the Coordinator). This period may be extended up to maximum 18 months for co-tutelle doctoral programmes with international institutions.
4. The scholarship is subject to social security contribution (INPS – *gestione separata*) as provided by the law. Doctoral candidates enjoy the rights connected to these provisions.
5. Scholarship recipients can renounce their right to receive a scholarship at any time without incurring in forfeiture from the programme.
6. Failure to attend doctoral activities for more than 30 consecutive days will result in the suspension of scholarship payments. It is the Supervisor's responsibility to inform the Coordinator and the administration offices about any prolonged absences of the doctoral candidate.
7. Scholarships awarded by the Doctoral School can be combined with other scholarships, unless otherwise provided by specific calls, and only if the Academic Board determines that they are compatible with the doctoral programme requirements.
8. The provisions of this article are not applicable to individuals who have been awarded a scholarship by a foreign country. Moreover, the present provisions do not apply to individuals who receive financial aid related to their participation in mobility projects in accordance with specific agreements.
9. An individual who has already received a doctoral scholarship is not entitled to receive another scholarship for another doctoral programme.

Art. 28 – Tuition fees

1. The Board of Governors of Politecnico di Torino sets forth the rules which regulate the tuition fees for doctoral programmes.

2. The Tuition Fee Regulations of the University, published every year, contains the rules on tuition fees and possible exemptions from tuition fees.

Art. 29 – Teaching and research assistantships

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Ministerial decree no. 226 dated 14th December 2021 and art. 23 of the present Regulations, doctoral candidates can be appointed to work as research assistants or teaching assistants with limited teaching support functions. Assistantships can be salaried and must be approved by the Academic Board or by its delegate.
2. The Regulations of Politecnico on teaching appointments (*Regolamento di Ateneo per il conferimento degli incarichi per attività di insegnamento e per attività seminariali in ambito didattico*) regulate teaching and research assistantships for doctoral candidates. Such teaching appointments shall not undermine the training path of doctoral candidates under any circumstances.

Art. 30- Ownership of Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights resulting from research activities of doctoral candidates

1. The Ownership of Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights resulting from research activities conducted by doctoral candidates is regulated by the Regulations of Politecnico di Torino on Intellectual and Industrial Property and by the provisions of other agreements signed by the University.

Title IX – Earning the doctoral degree

Art. 31 - Doctoral thesis preparation

1. The holder of a doctoral degree is addressed as “Doctor”, often abbreviated as “Dott.Ric.” or “Ph.D.”. This academic title is achieved upon completion of a doctoral programme and after receiving a positive evaluation of a research thesis which has to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and research methods in a given field of study.
2. A doctoral thesis can be written in Italian or in English, or in any other language if this is authorized by the Academic Board. It must be accompanied by an abstract written in Italian or English. The doctoral candidate is also required to write a report about his/her activities during the programme and publications (if any). This report has to be attached to the doctoral thesis.

Art. 32 - Admission to the oral defence

1. For justified reasons that prevent the doctoral candidate from depositing his/her doctoral thesis by the deadlines, the Academic Board may grant, at the request of the doctoral candidate, an extension of maximum twelve months, without further financial support.

2. An extension of the duration of the doctoral programme for a period not exceeding twelve months may also be decided by the Academic Board for justified scientific needs. In this case, the scholarship is extended for the same period with funds from the university budget.
3. The periods of extension referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 and the period of suspension referred to in art. 24 may not exceed a total of eighteen months, without prejudice to the specific cases provided for by the law.
4. The rules for requesting a period of extension (art.1 and 2) and the procedures for admissions to the oral defence are contained in the operating procedures approved by the Doctoral School Board.
5. Upon a favourable opinion of the Academic Board, a doctoral thesis is evaluated by at least two referees who are specialists in the specific field of study, at least one of which must be a university professor. The referees must not be faculty members of Politecnico di Torino and they must not pertain to the Academic Board or to partner organizations or funding institutions, including foreign or international institutions. The rules for the appointment of the referees are contained in the operating procedures.
3. The referees provide an analytic written report about the thesis within 30 days of receiving it. They can suggest that the doctoral candidate is admitted to the oral defence, or - if they consider that the thesis requires integrations or revisions - they can postpone the admission of the doctoral candidate to the oral defence for a maximum of six months.

Art. 33 - Oral defence

1. The oral defence takes place in front of an examination board. The rules for the composition of the examination board (when possible, ensuring gender balance) are contained in the operating procedures.
2. At the end of the oral defence, the thesis can be approved or rejected with justified written verdict of the examiners. If the thesis is rejected, the doctoral candidate cannot attend the oral defence again and is excluded from the doctoral programme. The operating procedures contain the rules for awarding final honours (laude) to a doctoral thesis containing very important scientific results.
3. The title of "Doctor" is awarded by the Rector of Politecnico di Torino, after the doctoral candidate has uploaded an electronic copy of his/her thesis to the University open repository in accordance with the deadlines and procedures established by the offices in charge of this process.
4. The training activities carried out by the doctoral candidate at one or more institution are certified by a document attached to the final diploma (Diploma Supplement).
5. Within thirty days of the oral defence and approval of the thesis, Politecnico di Torino deposits an electronic copy of the thesis in the "*Anagrafe Nazionale dei Dottorandi e dei Dottori di ricerca*" in specific open access section. When previously authorized by the Academic Board, public access to some sections of a thesis can be restricted if the data contained are protected by current legislation on data protection. Politecnico is also required to send all doctoral theses to the National Libraries of Rome and Florence and to deposit them in the newly-formed ministerial database of doctoral theses.
6. When previously authorized by the Academic Board, public access to some sections of a thesis can be restricted if the data contained are covered by industrial secret in accordance with the law.

Title X – Transitional rules and final provisions

Art. 34 - Academic year

1. The official beginning of doctoral programmes can be scheduled on different dates during the academic year, as specified in the operating procedures and in each call for applications for admissions.

Art. 35 - Final provisions

1. The present Regulations come into force on the date of the Rector's decree which issues them and they are applicable starting from the 38th cycle. The Regulations of Politecnico di Torino for doctoral research programmes issued with Rector's decree no. 899 of 21st October 2021 are applicable to the doctoral programmes of previous cycles.
2. If compatible, the present Regulations apply to the Postgraduate School as well. The call for admissions to the Postgraduate School governs the cases that are not provided for or not compatible with the present Regulations.
3. For all matters not specifically provided for by the present Regulations, reference is made to the following documents: Ministerial decree no. 226 of 14th December 2021, current legislation on doctoral programmes, Ministerial decree no. 301 of 22nd March 2022 containing the Guidelines for accreditation of doctoral programmes, the operating procedures established in accordance with art. 1 of the present Regulations, other Regulations of Politecnico di Torino, in particular the General Regulations of the University, the University Teaching Regulations, the Regulations for Teaching Appointments.