

# PhD Program in Electronic and Computer Engineering

## University of Cagliari, Italy

### *Guidelines for the review of the PhD thesis*

According to Art. 14 of the Decreto Rettorale n. 296/2022 (21/03/2022) the PhD thesis is written in Italian or English, or in another language authorized by the Academic Board. A summary in English and Italian is provided together with the PhD thesis,

The thesis is assessed by at least **two reviewers, appointed by the Academic Board. The reviewers do not belong to the University of Cagliari and are in possession of a high and proven scientific or professional qualification experience in research fields consistent with the educational objectives of the PhD programme; one of them must be a university professor.** To guarantee the independence of the evaluators, it is suggested to choose reviewers who do not have conflicts of interest: such conflicts could be due, for example, from having supervised the PhD student during the period abroad or from having co-authored a large number of publications with the PhD student.

Within thirty days of receipt of the thesis, the reviewers express a written analytical assessment, proposing the admission of the thesis to the public defence or the postponement of the defence for a maximum period of six months if they consider significant additions or corrections necessary.

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- Supervisors identify reviewers, contact them to check their availability and pass on their names and affiliations to the Coordinator.
- The DRIEI Board approves: the names of the reviewers; the date by which PhD students must send the manuscripts to the reviewers; the date by which the reviewers must send the reports to the Coordinator.
- PhD students send the manuscript to the reviewers, usually as a pdf file via email. If requested, they will send to reviewers a printed version.
- Reviewers prepare their reports and send them by email to the Coordinator. Reports should be prepared on the letterhead of the reviewer's institution or, if preferred, on the form provided by the doctoral office and available at [1]. In any case, the report must specify whether the reviewers is proposing to admit the thesis to public discussion.
- At the same time as the reviewers' reports, supervisors must send their evaluation of the thesis work to the Coordinator. The form for these reports is available at [1].

[1] <https://www.alessandro-giua.it/DRIEI/documenti.html>.