

Thesis deposits (RD576/2023 regulation)

The new Royal Decree RD576/2023, means that there have been some changes that affect thesis deposits made from **1 October 2024 onwards**. These are summarised below:

- The thesis must be evaluated by **2 evaluators who are experts** in the subject, both in the theoretical framework, and the methodological framework, and are from outside the UAB.
- In all cases, there must be one male and one female researcher on the panel.
- They may form part of the main or the reserve examination panel

and they will be able to suggest areas of improvement.

- The Academic Committee for the Doctoral Programme (CAPD) must be informed of the names of the evaluators through Sigm@ (the online deposit). The CAPD will ask the coordinator to approve and send the thesis to the evaluators to be evaluated. They will have a maximum of **one month** to suggest areas of improvement. At that point, the rest of the documentation must already be uploaded to the application, including the proposal for the examination panel members and the resolution of the compendium, if applicable.
- If the evaluators suggest any improvements, the coordinator will allow the student a **period of one month** to respond and, if necessary, include any modifications to the thesis. These modifications, once validated by their supervisor and their tutor, will then be returned to the CAPD for the final authorisation of the thesis deposit.

Please remember that an application for a compendium, if applicable, must always be submitted to the CAPD prior to the start of the deposit process for approval (the application will ask you to add the date it was approved by the CAPD).

- EXAMINATION PANEL:
 - There can only be one full UAB member and one reserve UAB member. Please remember that programme tutors, even if they are from outside the UAB, are considered to be UAB members for the purposes of the panel.
 - There cannot be any single-sex examination panels.
 - All members of the examination panel must have accredited research experience defined as: a) 1 period of research activity recognised by the CNEAI, or b) comparable merits according to what is established by the university (research experience in the doctoral thesis subject area (accredited through participation in research projects and/or relevant publications), or have previously supervised a doctoral thesis on the same subject.