

F.A.Q. “UNIPD Proroga” - Extension of the deadline for the thesis submission - doctoral students of the 34th and 35th cycle

1. What kind of “proroga” is the “UNIPD proroga”?

This regards an additional 3 months of unpaid extension (“proroga”) foreseen by the Rector's communication (prot. no. 68799 of 28th April 2021) in addition to the 3 months extension foreseen by Italian Law. If you ask for this “proroga”, you will be granted a total of 6 months extension for submission of the thesis (i.e., 3 months of the “proroga” foreseen by Decreto Legge 22 marzo 2021, no. 41, as converted by Legge 21 maggio 2021, n. 69 and 3 additional months of the unpaid “UNIPD proroga”).

2. Does the granting of the extension also involve a postponement of the defence session?

Yes, the extension entails a delay of the deadline for submitting the thesis and consequently shifts forward also the date of the defence.

The schedule for the 34th cycle will be published around June on the following webpage: <https://www.unipd.it/dottorato/esame-finale-consegna-tesi-dottorati>

3. How can I request the extension?

For doctoral students of the 34th cycle, the procedure to apply for the “proroga” will be available on the moodle platform, approximately in June.

In all cases, you will be informed well in advance by the Ph.D. Office.

4. In case I ask for the extension, will the award ceremony take place according to the schedule foreseen for the cycle I belong to?

It depends on your specific case. In some cases, it will be possible. However, if you ask for an extension of 6 months or in the event of a request for major revisions by the external evaluators, you may not be able to attend the same ceremony as your colleagues.

5. Is it possible to request an extension for periods other than those established?

No, the unpaid UNIPD extension foreseen by the Rector's communication (prot. no. 68799 of 28th April 2021) may only be requested for an additional three months extension by PhD students of the 34th and 35th cycles. It is not possible to request extensions for portions of these periods.

6. If I am granted this extension, may I submit my final thesis before the end of the extension period?

No, you may not. If you ask for the extension, you have to use all additional time.

7. If I ask for this extension, may I still use my budget for research activities?

Yes, it is possible to use the research budget if still available. Its use has to comply with the regulations in force regarding possible expenses of the PhD-budget.

8. Can I submit an application for scholarships and/or research grants calls during the extension months?

The “proroga” does not change the legal duration of the Ph.D. Course, so you can apply for scholarships and research grants.

9. Can I carry out work activity during the “proroga”?

Yes, during the extension period you can work without the need for authorization by the Academic Board of the PhD course.

10. If I work during the extension period, how do I have to consider the salary for the yearly income limit?

The salary of the work activity carried out during the extension period is not considered for exceeding the income limit by a PhD-student. The extension does not change the legal duration of the Ph.D. Course, which terminates at the original date. It only regards an extension of the deadline for the thesis submission.

11. Does the limit of 40 hours of teaching assistance activities remain valid during the extension?

No, it does not.

12. Is it possible to spend a period abroad?

Yes, it is possible to spend a period abroad without the need for authorization by the Academic Board of the PhD course.

13. May I request the 50% increase in the scholarship amount during the “UNIPD proroga”?

If you are granted the three months unpaid UNIPD extension, you may not ask for an increase in the scholarship amount. The “UNIPD proroga” is unpaid and consequently you will not receive your scholarship during the extension months.

14. Am I still covered by insurance during the period of extension?

Yes, you are. All doctoral students are covered by insurance from the legal end of the Ph.D. Course up to the date of the thesis defence, but only if the defence takes place during the first session available.

15. Are all Ph.D. students entitled to apply for the extension?

No, only Ph.D. students from the 34th and 35th cycle are entitled to apply for the ‘UNIPD proroga’.

16. If I am granted this extension, may I renew my stay permit for study purposes?

If you need to renew your stay permit, you must ask the Ph.D. Office to issue a certificate for the “Questura”.