Deusto

Universidad de Deusto
Deustuko Unibertsitatea

Application instructions

PhD Programmes

Academic Year 2025-2026

Appendix

1. Submission of applications

Deadline

The University of Deusto (hereinafter UD) has established two phases for admission to doctoral studies for the 2025-26 academic year.

You must submit your application in one of the two phases, depending on your interests and needs.

Please note that admission in a given phase only grants the right to enrol during that phase.

	Phase 1[1]	Phase 2[2]
Application for Admission	From 15 April to 15 June 2025	From November 2025 to January 2026
Enrolment	From 14 to 24 July and from 15 to 30 September 2025	Until 31 January 2026

[1] The application deadline will be extended in July for Programmes with available places.
[2] The exact application dates for Phase 2 will be confirmed at a later stage.

See studies in Appendix I and calendar in Appendix II.

This information will be published on our website at deusto.es/phdadmission.

Please note that the UD will be closed for the Holy Week and Easter between 17 and 27 April (both inclusive). On 2 May 2025 it will also be closed.

Self-service application

In general, only online applications will be accepted. Paper applications are not accepted.

- Go to deusto.es/virtualoffice

    Register.

    Please note: Foreign candidates with a Foreigner Identity Number Card (NIE) must register with this number.

- PhD degrees: Enter your login details. Choose "Bachelor's/Master's/PhD degrees", Choose "Pre-enrolment in official PhD degrees" and "Student pre-enrolment".

You should submit your application as outlined below along with the supporting documents specified in section 1.5 in these Instructions.

By submitting this application, you declare and agree that the information you have provided in it and the supporting documents are true.

1.1. How to start

Programme choice - Degree programme you wish to apply for.

Each candidate can submit only one application form.
You must select your preferred degree programmes from the list of options available on the display menu.
Important: The (BI) reference shows that the degree programme is assigned to the Bilbao campus for administrative purposes and those with the (SS) reference to the San Sebastian campus.

Non-Spanish speaking candidates

Non-Spanish speaking candidates have a good knowledge of Spanish language equivalent to the B2 level of the CEFR (see Appendix III). This does not apply to study options taught entirely in English.

Modes of study (in the self-service system it is listed as "Continuous enrolment requirement")

If you are granted admission, you can only enrol in the mode of study that you entered in the application form and is indicated in your Letter of Admission.

Courses can be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis.

Prior to the start of the enrolment period, students may apply for a change from one mode of study to another in writing to the General Secretary, who will make a decision on the application based on the assessment received from the relevant programme coordinators.

Exceptionally, and only in case of supervening circumstances, may a change in programme mode be requested during the academic year.

1.2. Personal Data

Please enter your personal data as they appear on your identification document.

Your contact details must be up to date at all times. Therefore, if the information you provided to us has changed, please contact the General Secretariat.

Please ensure that your email address is entered correctly, as it will be the primary means of communication between the University and the applicant.

1.3. Qualifications for entry

Please indicate the university and entry qualifications to the degree programme you applied for and complete the required data. If you do not find them on the list, select "Other/Not specified".

1.4. Proposal of tutors (optional)

If you wish, you may propose a PhD lecturer related to the programme to be assigned as a tutor. You can choose up to two options, listed in order of preference, specifying their full name. You may also provide a brief explanation of your choice. In any case, your proposal will not be binding.

1.5. Attach supporting documents

Applications must be accompanied by the required supporting documents listed below in order to be accepted for processing.

As the submitted documents are not the original documents, applicants will be responsible for ensuring the veracity of the information provided.

You must select the document from the drop-down menu and attach the file corresponding to that document.
Important: **only one file can be attached to each document.**

The candidate's valid identification document (both sides) - ID card for Spanish citizens; - TIE or Passport for foreign citizens. For EU citizens, the identity card will also be accepted. If you have a NIE (Foreigner Identification Number), you must also provide it. If your date and place of birth do not appear on your identity card, you must provide proof of these personal details, as this information will be shown on your degree certificate.
Marks obtained in the entry qualifications (Bachelor's degree, Licenciatura, Engineering, Diploma, Technical Engineering degree certificate or equivalent qualifications)[1]
Marks obtained in an official Master's degree, Diploma in Advanced Studies or equivalent qualifications[1]
Certificate issued by the university or competent body, accrediting that the degree certificate obtained is valid for access to PhD programmes in the country where it was issued. Only applicable for degree certificates issued by foreign universities. The European Diploma Supplement containing this information may be provided.
Motivation letter: a two-page statement (maximum 800 words) for each degree programme applied for outlining your motivation, potential to study successfully at postgraduate level and future professional interests. Please provide reasons justifying the application on a part-time basis.
Curriculum Vitae, with a photocopy of the relevant supporting documents.
Certification of competence in a foreign language (and/or Spanish) required or recommended in the programme, if applicable. Please find out more at deusto.es.
Two reference letters
Initial proposal of the research area and topic.
Proof of being a research grant holder, if applicable.

[1] Those who had completed these studies at the UD can download the transcript from the Virtual Office/Extranet and attach it.

Requirements for documents issued abroad:

Documents issued abroad must meet the following requirements:

- Be official and issued by the competent authorities, in accordance with relevant legislation in the country concerned.
- They must be accompanied, if appropriate, by the corresponding certified translation into Spanish, English, French or Italian.

Please note: The qualification granting access to the programme must be submitted at the time of enrolment. It must be legalised or authenticated by the relevant diplomatic authorities, or, where necessary, certified by The Hague Convention Apostille. This is not required for documents issued by the authorities of the Member States of the European Union, or signatories of specific exemption agreements.

1.6. Confirm your application

Once confirmed, you can view a summary and send it to your email address.

Experience shows that institutional emails may cause collective notifications sent from the UD to be treated as SPAM, unsolicited emails or advertising promotions, so we recommend that you check your spam folder.

Submission of application does not oblige candidates to officially enrol in the programme.

2. Application status

All applicants will be notified by email of the admission decision concerning their course choice. Additionally, you can track the status of your application at: deusto.es/virtualoffice

The status of the choice you entered in the application form will be one of the following:

Application Status:

Application requested

Application received and awaiting processing.

Not admitted

Application not admitted because it does not meet the entry requirements to the degree programme or it was not completed within the deadline.

Incomplete application

Application on hold because it is incomplete.

Once the required supporting documents have been provided, the applicant must ensure that the application has changed to "Validated" status. If you need any further information to complete your application, please contact the General Secretariat. If the applicant does not provide all the required documents within the established deadline, the application will be considered "Not admitted".

Validated

Application admitted for processing and awaiting a decision.

Decision Status:

Admitted

The applicant has obtained a positive assessment to enter this programme choice.

Declined

The candidate's application has not received a favourable assessment based both on the entry profile and the status of other applicants.

Application on hold

This means that the assessment is not final yet and your application must be re-assessed in later stages of the admission process.

Allowed to enrol

The candidate has been granted admission and can be offered a Letter of Admission. Depending on their previous academic studies, applicants may be required to complete additional courses in some specific fields for admission.

Withdrawal

The candidate has withdrawn their application from this programme choice.

The UD will issue only one Letter of Admission per applicant according to the preferred order, and provided that the specific entry requirements for each programme are met. The Letter of Admission will be sent by email.

Please note: The Letter of Admission must be kept until enrolment has been successfully completed.

Enrolment is by appointment only within the allotted period.

Candidates who receive an "allowed to enrol" decision will receive an invitation to create an Open Deusto email account, where they will receive all subsequent emails from the University.

3. Social Action and Inclusion

The service promotes specific measures to promote inclusion and equal opportunities for students with specific educational support needs: curricular adaptations, financial grants, paid internships, etc.

Further information: accionsocial@deusto.es and www.accionsocial.deusto.es

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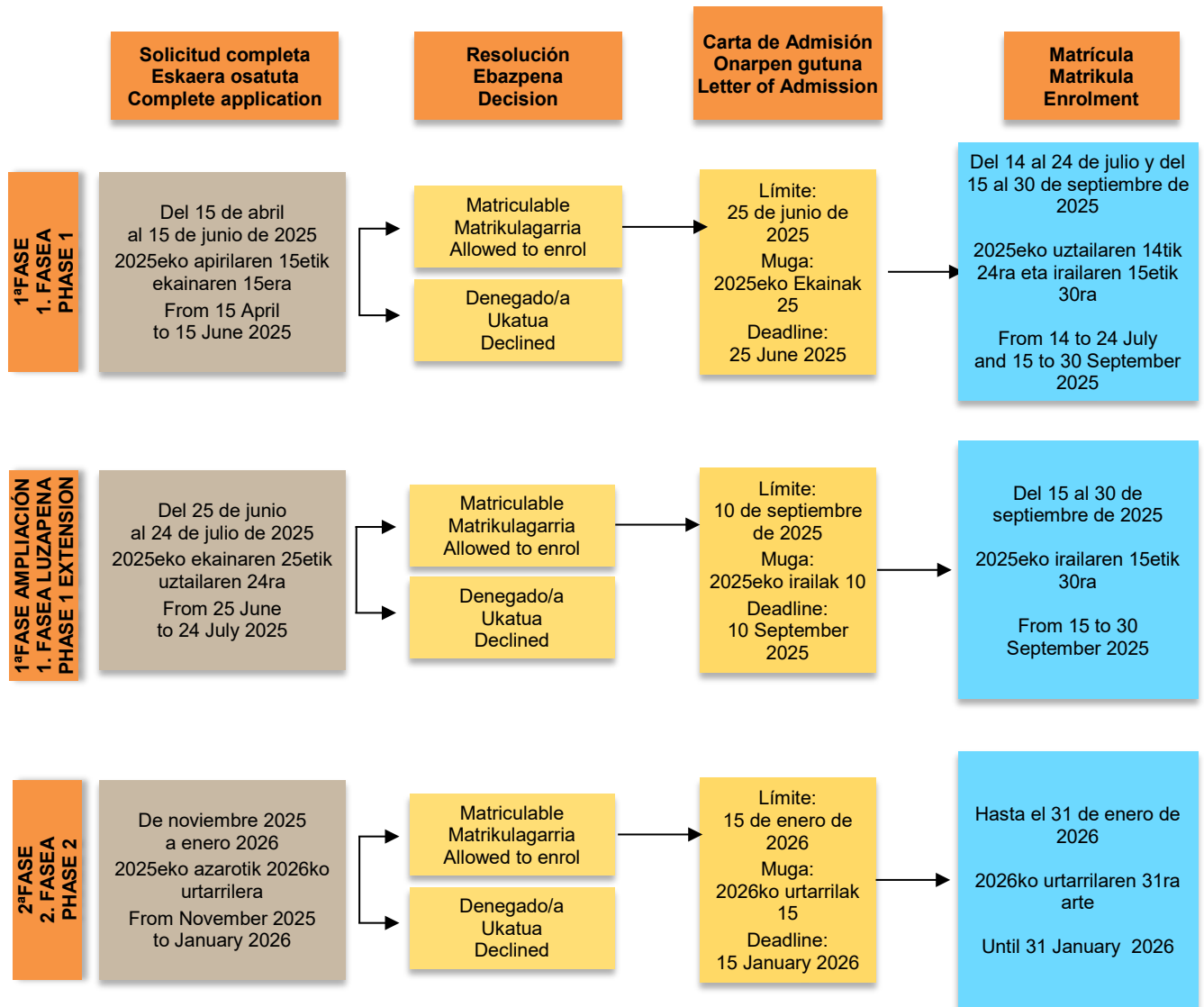| Estudios de Doctorado
Doktoregoko Ikasketak
PhD programmes |
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| Competitividad Empresarial y Territorial, Innovación y Sostenibilidad (Interuniversitario)
Enpresa eta Lurralde Lehiakortasuna, Berrikuntza eta Jasangarritasuna (Unibertsitateartekoa)
Business and Territorial Competitiveness, Innovation and Sustainability (Joint degree) |
| Derecho Económico y Derecho de la Empresa (Interuniversitario)
Ekonomia eta enpresa zuzenbidea (Unibertsitateartekoa)
Business and Corporate Law (Joint degree) |
| Derechos Humanos: Retos Éticos, Sociales y Políticos
Giza eskubideak: erronka etikoak, sozialak eta politikoak
Human Rights: Ethical, Social and Political Challenges |
| Educación
Hezkuntza
Education |
| Ingeniería para la Sociedad de la Información y Desarrollo Sostenible
Informazioaren Gizarterako eta Garapen Jasangarrirako Ingeniaritza
Engineering for the Information Society and Sustainable Development |
| Ocio, Cultura y Comunicación para el Desarrollo Humano
Giza Garapenerako Aisia, Kultura eta Komunikazioa
Leisure, Culture and Communication for Human Development |
| Psicología
Psikologia
Psychology |
| Salud, Bienestar y Bioética (Interuniversitario)
Osasuna, Ongizatea eta Bioetika (Unibertsitateartekoa)
Health, Well-being and Bioethics (Joint degree) |
| Teología
Teologia
Theology |

Campus: San Sebastián / Donostia

Estudios de Doctorado Doktoregoko Ikasketak PhD programmes
Competitividad Empresarial y Territorial, Innovación y Sostenibilidad (Interuniversitario) Enpresa eta Lurralde Lehiakortasuna, Berrikuntza eta Jasangarritasuna (Unibertsitateartekoa) Business and Territorial Competitiveness, Innovation and Sustainability (Joint degree)

Anexo II: Calendario de ingreso
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Appendix II: Admissions Timeline

	Solicitud completa **Eskaera osatuta** **Complete application**	**Resolución** **Ebazpena** **Decision**	**Carta de Admisión** **Onarpen gutuna** **Letter of Admission**	**Matrícula** **Matrikula** **Enrolment**
1ªFASE **1. FASEA** **PHASE 1**	Del 15 de abril al 15 de junio de 2025 2025eko apirilaren 15etik ekainaren 15era From 15 April to 15 June 2025	Matriculable Matrikulagarria Allowed to enrol Denegado/a Ukatua Declined	Límite: 25 de junio de 2025 Muga: 2025eko Ekainak 25 Deadline: 25 June 2025	Del 14 al 24 de julio y del 15 al 30 de septiembre de 2025 2025eko uztailaren 14tik 24ra eta irailaren 15etik 30ra From 14 to 24 July and 15 to 30 September 2025
1ªFASE AMPLIACIÓN **1. FASEA LUZAPENA** **PHASE 1 EXTENSION**	Del 25 de junio al 24 de julio de 2025 2025eko ekainaren 25etik uztailaren 24ra From 25 June to 24 July 2025	Matriculable Matrikulagarria Allowed to enrol Denegado/a Ukatua Declined	Límite: 10 de septiembre de 2025 Muga: 2025eko irail 10 Deadline: 10 September 2025	Del 15 al 30 de septiembre de 2025 2025eko irailaren 15etik 30ra From 15 to 30 September 2025
2ªFASE **2. FASEA** **PHASE 2**	De noviembre 2025 a enero 2026 2025eko azarotik 2026ko urtarrilera From November 2025 to January 2026	Matriculable Matrikulagarria Allowed to enrol Denegado/a Ukatua Declined	Límite: 15 de enero de 2026 Muga: 2026ko urtarrilak 15 Deadline: 15 January 2026	Hasta el 31 de enero de 2026 2026ko urtarrilaren 31ra arte Until 31 January 2026

Nivel/Level	C2	C1	B2	B1	A2	A1
EUSKARA	HABE C2 4. HE (Admin.)	HABE C1 EGA EOI Aptitud 3.HE (Admin.) 2.HE (Hezkuntza)	HABE B2 EOI Avanzado 2. HE (Admin.) 1. HE (Hezkuntza)	HABE B1 EOI Intermedio 1.HE (Admin.)	HABE A2	HABE A1
ENGLISH	CPE CertAcles C2 IELTS, 8,5-9 TOEFL IBT, 115-120 Trinity College, ISE IV PEARSON PEIC C2 LanguageCert Mastery C2	CAE Linguaskill C1 CertAcles C1 EOI Avanzado C1 IELTS, 7-8 BEC Higher ICFE/ILEC, C1 TOEFL IBT, 94-117 TOEIC, >1345 Trinity College, ISE III APTIS ADVANCED C1 PEARSON PEIC C1 LanguageCert Expert C1	FCE Linguaskill B2 CertAcles B2 EOI Intermedio B2 IELTS, 5,5-6,5 BEC Vantage ICFE/ILEC, B2 TOEFL IBT, 35-93 TOEIC, >1095 Trinity College, ISE II APTIS B2 Oxford Test of English B2 PEARSON PEIC B2 LanguageCert Communicator B2	PET Linguaskill B1 CertAcles B1 EOI Intermedio B1 IELTS, 4-5 BEC Preliminary TOEFL IBT, 0-34 TOEIC, >790 Trinity College, ISE I APTIS B1 Oxford Test of English B1 PEARSON PEIC B1 LanguageCert Achiever B1	KET EOI Básico IELTS, 3,5 TOEIC, >385 Trinity College, ISE 0 PEARSON PEIC A2 LanguageCert Access A2	TOEIC, >200 PEARSON PEIC A1 LanguageCert Preliminay A1
FRANÇAIS	DALF C2 CertAcles C2 TCF 6 (600-699 pts) DHEF TEF 6 DFP C2	DALF C1 CertAcles C1 EOI Avanzado C1 TCF 5 (500-599 pts) DS TEF 5 DFP C1	DELF B2 CertAcles B2 EOI Avanzado B2 TCF 4 (400-499 pts) DLF TEF 4 DFP B2	DELF B1 CertAcles B1 EOI Intermedio B1 TCF 3 (300-399) CEFP 2 TEF 3 DFP B1	DELF A2 CertAcles A2 EOI Básico TCF 2 (200-299 pts) CEFP 1 TEF 2 DFP A2	DELF A1 CertAcles A1 TCF 1 (100-199 pts) TEF 1
DEUSTCH	DSH-3 CertAcles C2 Goethe-Zertifikat C2/GDS/ZOP Österreiches WD Telc Deutsch C2	DSH-2 CertAcles C1 EOI Avanzado C1 DSD II Goethe-Zertifikat C1/PWD Österreichisches OD TestDaF 5 Telc Deutsch C1	DSH-1 CertAcles B2 EOI Avanzado B2 Goethe-Zertifikat B2/ZDfB Österreichisches MD TestDaF 4 Telc Deutsch B2	CertAcles B1 EOI Intermedio B1 DSD I Goethe-Zertifikat B1/B1j Österreichisches ZD/ZDj TestDaF 3 Telc Deutsch B1	CertAcles A2 EOI Básico DSD-A2 Start Deutsch 2 Österreichisches GD/KD 2 Telc Deutsch A2	CertAcles A1 Start Deutsch 1 Österreichisches GD/KD 1 Telc Deutsch A1
CHINO/CHINESE	HSK VI	HSK V	HSK IV	HSK III YCT IV	HSK II YCT III	HSK I YCT II
ITALIANO	CELI 5	CELI 4	CELI 3	CELI 2	CELI 1	CELI IMPATTO A1
ESPAÑOL	DELE C2	DELE C1 EOI Avanzado C1	DELE B2 EOI Avanzado B2	DELE B1 EOI Intermedio B1	DELE A2	DELE A1

Solo se admitirán certificados de exámenes **realizados en modo presencial** en algún centro oficial y **que comprendan las cuatro destrezas lingüísticas**: expresión oral y escrita y comprensión lectora y auditiva.

Ziurtagiriek bi baldintza bete behar dituzte onartzeko: azterketa zentro ofizial batean **aurrez aurre egin izana** eta **lau hizkuntza-trebetasunak ebaluatzea**: mintzamena, idazmena, irakurmena eta entzumena.

Only exams **taken in person** at an official centre **comprising the four language skills** will be accepted: speaking, writing, reading and listening.