



Postdoctorate in Communication



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When junior researchers have completed their doctoral studies presenting a PhD dissertation, they begin a new phase of research activities. The doctoral degree grants them recognition as independent researchers, able to carry out research by themselves, lead research projects, and participating in competitive

calls for papers. However, the training process continues. Experience is essential. To gain such experience, many PhD graduates undertake short-term periods of research in leading research institutions, often abroad, in order to improve their skills and knowledge. In summary, this period of professional deve-

lopment of postdoctoral scholars is aimed at improving their qualifications, as well as facilitating the development of high-level projects and publications, supported by the mentorship of experienced researchers.

A postdoctoral degree, as specified by the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) of the United States, serves to:

A.

Facilitate the transition of new PhD graduates, or postdocs, towards full professional independence, through the development of skills that allow them to progress in their career.

B.

Provide the guidance of at least one senior researcher to each postdoc, promoting the professional development of the scholar's work.

D.

Orient and focus the development of concrete research projects.

C.

Establish an individual development plan, which includes both the career and formation objectives of the postdoc and the research objectives of the mentor.

E.

Promote the publication of research results.

The program

With this aim, the University of Navarra has launched a pioneer program in Pamplona, Spain: Postdoctorate in Communication. Offered by the School of Communication, this program is open to postdoctoral scholars of any prior field of study. The program consists of 30 ECTS (750 hours) over the course of 9 months, costing, in total, € 6,000.

The Postdoctorate in Communication can be completed full-time or part-time (distributing the 9 months in over up to three years), organizing the activities in the most feasible and convenient way for each scholar. During the program, the postdoc is supervised and supported by a senior researcher of the School of Communication, assigned according to their area of interest and/or expertise. Under the guidance of a

mentor, the postdoctoral researcher carries out one or more research projects, aiming at producing quality research papers and high-level academic publications. At the end of the program, the postdocs present their portfolios of work and results to a panel comprised of senior researchers of the School of Communication, who certify the title being granted to each candidate.



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**Period of
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1. ■ Meetings with mentor (Senior Researcher)

Number of sessions: 35

Duration: 35 hours (1h/session)

Description: Meetings of the postdoctoral scholar with mentor; ordinarily held once a week for the nine months of the program.

These meetings are focused to:

1. Advise the postdoctoral scholar in choosing research activities.
2. Define a research plan, mutually agreed upon, for the postdoc during the program period.
3. Support and guide the postdoctoral scholar in resolving logistical issues posed by the activities undertaken.
4. Plan, orient, and monitor the research developed by the postdoctoral scholar.
5. Provide supervision, follow-up, and certification of satisfactory completion of the activities of the program, culminating in the final recognition as qualified to receive a postdoctoral title.
6. Upon completion of the program, offer advice and guidance to the postdoctoral researcher for the publication of results.

2. ■ Meetings with other researchers from the School of Communication and the University

Number of sessions: 5

Duration: 5 hours (1h/session)

Description: With the guidance and support of the mentor, the postdoctoral researcher will maintain throughout the program period at least 5 meetings with additional researchers from the School of Communication or, if justified by the research area, with researchers from other centers of the University of Navarra. These meetings will have the purpose of expanding the postdoctoral researcher's access

to knowledge and available resources on specialized subjects.

3. ■ Attend conferences and research seminars of the School of Communication and its departments

Number of sessions: 18

Duration: 18 hours (1h/session)

Description: With the guidance of the mentor, the postdoctoral researcher will select and have access to the research seminars organized regularly (ordinarily, biweekly) by the four departments of the School of Communication (Department of Public Communication; Department of Culture and Audiovisual Communication; Department of Marketing and Communication companies; and Department of Journalistic Projects), as well as by @digitalunav-Center for Internet Studies and Digital Life. Of the available conferences and seminars, the postdoctoral researcher must attend at least 18 (or its equivalent in hours) throughout the program.

At least two research seminars will be prepared by the postdoctoral researcher and will consist of the presentation of his/her research project, at the beginning of the program, and of the results obtained, at the end of the program.

4. ■ Attend conferences and research seminars of other centers of the University of Navarra

Number of sessions: 9

Duration: 9 hours (1h/session)

With the guidance and support of the mentor, the postdoctoral researcher will select and have access to the research seminars organized by departments of other faculties and schools different than the School of Communication. Of the available conferences and seminars, the postdoctoral researcher must attend at least 9 (or its equivalent in

hours) throughout the postdoctorate program. These activities can help the scholar achieving a broadened scope enriching its research.

5. ■ Attendance at training sessions for researchers offered by the library of the University of Navarra

Number of sessions: 4

Duration: 4 hours (1h/session)

Description: The postdoctoral researcher will conduct the following 4 training sessions for researchers: 1) Introduction to the library; 2) Unika: catalog, electronic journals and databases; 3) Specific sessions on databases: Scopus, Web of Science, SciFinder, Pubmed, Dialnet; 4) Mendeley: bibliographic manager.

6. ■ Mentored research activity

Number of sessions: Undefined

Duration: 675 hours (75h/month)

Description: With the guidance of the mentor, the postdoctoral scholar carries out one or more research projects, aimed at obtaining basic and / or applied research results. This activity constitutes the majority of postdoctoral researcher's attention during the program and translates into an individual work, aimed toward high-quality academic publications. A specific area of the library of the University of Navarra or a location within the department of the School of Communication will be available to the postdoctoral researcher as work space. Additionally calculated within these academic credit hours is attendance at or participation in congresses and/or academic forums that take place during the program.

Apart from the publication of academic results, the postdoctoral researcher must prepare at least one article about his/her research to be released through the communication channels of the School of Communication.



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