**General information from application to doctoral degree**

Doctoral training consists of training, research, and reporting activities conducted on an individual or group basis, comprising training and research, as well as research and dissertation phases. Training may be conducted on a scholarship or self-funded basis, and successful completion is evidenced by the award of a certificate of completion.

At the end of the training and research phase, which lasts a maximum of four semesters, a complex examination must be taken to assess and evaluate academic and research progress.

Successful completion of the complex exam is a prerequisite for beginning the research and dissertation phase, which lasts a maximum of four semesters.

After the complex examination, the student participates in the research and dissertation phase of the training. Part of this phase is the preparation of the dissertation, the submission of which marks the beginning of the degree awarding process.

Doctoral students must submit their doctoral dissertation within three years of passing the comprehensive examination.

In the case of individual preparation for the doctoral degree, by fulfilling the admission requirements for doctoral training and by applying for and being accepted to the comprehensive examination, students can directly enter the research and dissertation phase of doctoral training.