



# **"MIHAI VITEAZUL" NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY**

## **REGULATION ON THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVANCED RESEARCH PROGRAM**

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## Section 1. Legal Basis

### Art. 1.

These Regulations are based on the following documents:

1. Higher Education Law No 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and supplements
2. Order of the Ministry of Education No.3020/08.01.2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies

## Section 2. General Provisions

### Art. 2.

- (1) The “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy (ANIMV), as an accredited Organizing Institution for Doctoral University Studies (IOSUD), organizes and carries out the Postdoctoral Studies Program in the field of Intelligence and National Security accredited by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS).
- (2) The Intelligence and National Security Postdoctoral Advanced Research represents the third cycle of postgraduate studies offered by the “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy in the field of Intelligence and National Security, the purpose of which is to develop human resources competent in carrying out scientific research, capable of insertion in the high qualified labor market. It consists of the development of scientific research and constitutes a professional research experience, completed by the award of an attestation of postdoctoral studies.
- (3) The postdoctoral advanced research studies represent the 8th cycle of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED), of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF/CEC) and of National Qualifications Framework (CNC) and ensures the acquisition of knowledge at the highest level in the field of work or study of Intelligence and National Security and knowledge on the frontier of different scientific and fields; the most advanced and specialized skills and techniques, including the synthesis and evaluation ability, required to solve critical research and/or innovation problems and to expand and redefine existing knowledge or professional practices; demonstrating a high level of authority, innovation, autonomy, scientific and professional integrity and a sustained commitment to developing new ideas or processes at the forefront of a work or study and research situation.

### Art. 3.

- (1) The postdoctoral advanced research program is organized in the doctoral field of Intelligence and National Security accredited in IOSUD ANIMV and is of the scientific type:
- (2) The postdoctoral advanced research program aims to:

- a) produce original, internationally relevant scientific knowledge, based on scientific methods on the frontier of different fields;
  - b) producing synthesis and evaluations based on professional skills and the most advanced techniques, with the aim of solving critical research and/or professional specialization problems and expanding and redefining existing professional knowledge or practices by applying current scientific methods and techniques.
- (3) The Intelligence and National Security Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program represents a form of strengthening the academic teaching and scientific research career. Following the completion of the postdoctoral advanced research program, the ANIMV awards an attestation of postdoctoral studies. The attestation of postdoctoral studies expressly mentions the field of doctoral studies in which the program was carried out.

**Art. 4.**

- (1) Postdoctoral advanced research programs are organized with public or private funding from other legally established sources.
- (2) (5) A person may benefit from funding from the state budget for only one postdoctoral advanced research program.

### **Section 3. Organization and Conduct of the Intelligence and National Security Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program**

**Art. 5.**

- (1) The Intelligence and National Security postdoctoral advanced research program shall be organized and carried out within the Intelligence and Security Doctoral School, where the accredited doctoral studies field operates.
- (2) The postdoctoral advanced research program is organized and carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Higher Education no 199/2023, with the provisions of the Framework Regulation on doctoral university studies OME no 3020/2024, with the CNATDCU standards for granting the doctoral degree with the national interests and needs of the Romanian Intelligence Service.

**Art. 6.**

- (1) The duration of the postdoctoral advanced research program is usually 2 academic years (4 academic semesters).
- (2) The duration of the postdoctoral advanced research program may be modified, under specific circumstances, by interrupting the program, extending the program, reducing the program.
- (3) Discontinuation of the postdoctoral advanced research program shall be done by right, at the request of the postdoctoral researcher in the event of suspension of the individual employment contract:
  - a) maternity leave;
  - b) temporary disability leave
  - c) quarantine;
  - d) exercise of a function within an executive, legislative or judicial authority for the duration of the tenure, unless otherwise provided by law;
  - e) force majeure;

- f) if the postdoctoral researcher is held in custody under the terms of the Criminal Procedure Code;
  - g) in other cases, expressly provided for by the law.
- (4) Discontinuation of the postdoctoral advanced research program shall be done at the request of the postdoctoral researcher in the event of suspension of the individual employment contract:
- a) parental leave up to the age of 2 years old or, in case of a disabled child, up to the age of 3 years old;
  - b) leave for the care of a sick child up to 7 years old or, in case of a disabled child, for intercurrent illnesses, up to the age of 18 years;
  - c) paternity leave;
  - d) professional training leave.
- (5) Interruption of the postdoctoral advanced research program is approved by the CSD and approved by the Council for Doctoral University Studies (CSUD). The duration of the postdoctoral advanced research program is extended by the duration of the cumulative periods of approved interruptions.
- (6) The extension of the postdoctoral advanced research program may be made by 1-2 academic years, at the proposal of the research supervisor, who will also mention the form of financing, with the endorsement of CSD and the approval of the ANIMV Senate, if the postdoctoral researcher has achieved at least 60 European Credits Transferable System (ECTS), for the following situations:
- a) the postdoctoral researcher has applied for a scholarship or a documentation program through a special grant competition in the field of the PhD topic;
  - b) the postdoctoral researcher has applied for a research mobility grant or a training/documentation internship or a scientific internship in the field of the PhD topic;
  - c) the postdoctoral researcher has carried out scientific laboratory experiments or applied research activities in the field of the PhD topic;
  - d) the postdoctoral researcher has carried out research activities as part of scientific research projects in the field of the PhD topic.
- (7) The reduction of the postdoctoral advanced research program can be made by a maximum of 1 year, at the request of the postdoctoral researcher, with the approval of the scientific coordinator, with the approval of the CSD and the ANIMV Senate, in the following situations:
- a) the postdoctoral researcher has achieved 90 ECTS;
  - b) The postdoctoral researcher has fulfilled the requirements set out in the IOSUD ANIMV standard for granting the graduation attestation;
- (8) The minimum duration of an interruption, extension or grace period of the postdoctoral advanced research program is one academic semester and the maximum duration is one academic year.

**Art. 7.**

- (1) The granting of interruption, extension or reduction periods is made in accordance with a Procedure for granting interruption, extension and reduction periods, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever incidental legislative changes occur.

## **Section 4. Admission to the Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program Intelligence and National Security**

### **Art. 8.**

- (1) Admission to the postdoctoral advanced research program is organized by CSUD and the CSD in which the postdoctoral advanced research program operates.
- (2) CSUD develops and updates the *Methodology for organizing and conducting the admission to postdoctoral advanced research programs in ANIMV*, which presents the legal framework and the general framework for organizing and admission to postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (3) *The Methodology for organizing and conducting the admission to postdoctoral advanced research program in ANIMV* is approved by the ANIMV Senate and is published on the ANIMV website at least 6 months prior to the date of the admission competition.
- (4) The CSD in which the postdoctoral advanced research program operates annually develops the *Procedure for organizing and conducting the admission competition to the Intelligence and National Security Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program*, which specifies the documents required for registration for the competition, information regarding the number and distribution of vacancies by scientific coordinator, admission conditions and competition calendar, other specific details.
- (5) *The Methodology for organizing and conducting the admission to the Intelligence and National Security Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program* is approved by CSUD and published on the ANIMV website at least 6 months before the date of the admission competition.

### **Art. 9.**

- (1) Registering in the admission contest to the postdoctoral advanced research program can be done regardless of the field in which the candidate obtained the PhD diploma and if he obtained it at the latest 5 years before his admission to the postdoctoral program or regardless of the moment when he obtained the PhD degree, if he obtained the certificate of excellence at the "Marie Skłodowska Curie" competitions.
- (2) Citizens of the member states of the European Union, of the countries belonging to the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation have access to the postdoctoral advanced research program under the conditions provided by the normative acts in force, including the specific tuition fees for the postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (3) After the admission competition, candidates declared admitted are enrolled and, following the signing of the postdoctoral studies program contract, become postdoctoral researchers.

- (4) Enrollment to the postdoctoral advanced research program is made by the administrative office of the doctoral school in which the postdoctoral advanced research program operates, based on the decision of ANIMV Commandant (Rector) to enroll the candidates admitted to the postdoctoral advanced research program.

**Art. 10.**

- (1) Enrollment to the postdoctoral advanced research program made in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the doctoral school, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever incidental legislative changes occur.

## **Section 5. Curriculum of the Intelligence and National Security Advanced Research Program**

**Art. 11.**

- (1) The general structure of the postdoctoral advanced research program is as follows:
  - a) the individual scientific research program, which is usually carried out in semesters 1-3 of the postdoctoral advanced research program, the individual advanced scientific research program ensures the acquisition of research skills and partially of transversal skills.
  - b) the complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy, which is carried out modularly, in each year of studies, in addition to the training program based on advanced university studies and the individual scientific research program; the complementary program knowledge, skills responsibilities, autonomy ensures the acquisition of transversal and partially cognitive and research competences.
  - c) the period of completion and public defense of the scientific graduation paper, usually by the 4th semester of the postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (2) The postdoctoral advanced research program is carried out on the basis of the Curriculum, which is developed for each series of studies in the accredited field of doctoral studies. The particularities of the postdoctoral advanced research program are specified in the Curriculum.

**Art. 12.**

- (1) The Curriculum of the postdoctoral advanced research program is developed annually by the doctoral school, at least 6 months before the start of the academic year, is endorsed by CSUD and approved by the ANIMV Senate.
- (2) The curriculum must ensure at least 90 ECTS from the individual advanced scientific research program and from the complementary knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy program.
- (3) The condition for the successful completion of one year of postdoctoral studies is the mandatory achievement of a minimum of 30 ECTS.
- (4) The condition for completing the postdoctoral studies program consists of the mandatory achievement of a minimum of 90 ECTS.

**Art. 13.**

- (1) The analytical schedule of the postdoctoral advanced research program contains the activity and specific module outlines for each program of the Curriculum.
- (2) The scientific research activity outlines of the individual scientific research program are done by the scientific coordinators. The module outlines of the complementary program of knowledge, skills, responsibilities and autonomy are drawn up by the coordinators of each module.
- (3) The analytical schedule of the postdoctoral advanced research program is endorsed by CSD in which the postdoctoral advanced research program operates and is approved by CSUD.
- (4) The analytical schedule of the postdoctoral advanced research program is drawn up annually, for each series of studies, at least 3 months prior to the beginning of the academic year.

## **Section 5.1 Individual Advanced Scientific Research Program**

### **Art. 14.**

- (1) The individual advanced scientific research program represents the research component of the postdoctoral advanced research program. The individual advanced scientific research program begins in the first semester of the postdoctoral advanced research program and has to be completed in the last semester of the postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (2) The individual advanced scientific research program ensures the acquisition of the following cognitive and scientific professional competencies:
  - a) knowledge of scientific and applied research methods and techniques specific to the field of intelligence and national security;
  - b) knowledge of scientific and applied research new procedures and solutions specific to the field of intelligence and national security;
  - c) data processing and analysis at an advanced level, including through the use of dedicated software, in the field of intelligence and security;
- (3) The individual advanced scientific research program ensures the acquisition of the following transversal competences:
  - a) interpersonal and teamwork skills;
  - b) risk, crisis and failure management in the scientific and applied research;
  - a) application of law in the field of intellectual property rights;
- (4) The individual advanced scientific research program is designed in the Curriculum of the postdoctoral advanced research program. It is carried out based on scientific activity sheets, so as to ensure the acquisition of the competencies designed as learning outcomes.
- (5) The scientific activities sheets are developed by the scientific coordinators, approved by the director of the doctoral school and centralized in the Analytical Program of the Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program.
- (6) The scientific research activities of the Individual Advanced Scientific Research Program are:
  - a) drafting the postdoctoral research project (semester 1);

- b) participation in scientific conferences (semesters 1-4);
  - c) publishing scientific articles (semesters 1-4);
  - d) drafting the scientific graduation paper (semesters 2-3);
  - e) presenting the scientific graduation paper (semester 4).
- (7) The scientific research activities of the Individual Advanced Scientific Research Program are coordinated and approved by the scientific coordinator and evaluated by the academic advisory and integrity committee.

**Art. 15.**

- (1) Completing the individual advanced scientific research program ensures the achievement of a minimum of 80 ECTS. Obtaining the credits is conditional on the successful completion of the scientific research activities set out in the Curriculum of the postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (2) The guidance of the postdoctoral researcher within the individual advanced scientific research program from the approval of the postdoctoral graduation research project to the approval of the scientific graduation paper for public defense is provided by the academic advisory and integrity committee whose composition is established by the scientific coordinator and approved by the CSD.
- (3) The responsibility for the structure, content, organization and conduct of the individual advanced scientific research program of the postdoctoral researcher lies with the scientific coordinator.
- (4) The scientific achievements of the postdoctoral researcher in the individual advanced scientific research program will be credited in ECTS system, the number of ECTS for each research activity being mentioned in the Curriculum.
- (5) The postdoctoral researcher's publication activity is considered only if it takes the form of published articles or scientific communications. After publication of their own articles or scientific communications, the postdoctoral researchers must submit to their scientific coordinators the scientific journals or volumes of the sessions in which their articles or communications were published.
- (6) The conclusions of the scientific research can be published by the postdoctoral researcher, with the approval of the scientific coordinator, in the form of articles or communications.
- (7) Based on the publication of scientific papers and the endorsement of the scientific graduation paper, the postdoctoral researcher completes achievable scientific achievements in the individual advanced scientific research program.
- (8) The postdoctoral researcher is obliged to seek advice and respond to the requests of the scientific coordinator or members of the academic advisory and integrity committee during the individual advanced scientific research program.

**Art. 16.**

- (l) Completion of the postdoctoral advanced research program by the postdoctoral researchers is made in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the doctoral school, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.

- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.

## **Section 5.2 The Complementary Program Knowledge, Skills, Responsibilities, Autonomy**

### **Art. 17.**

- (1) The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy is organized in modular format, a module usually lasting 5 days.
- (2) The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the acquisition of the following cognitive and scientific professional competencies:
  - a) ability to write scientific papers and other academic materials at an advanced level, in a style appropriate to the intelligence and security field and in compliance with its specific rigors at national and international level;
  - b) academic-level language skills necessary for the documentation, development and communication of scientific papers;
- (3) The complementary program knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the acquisition of the following transversal competences:
  - a) interpersonal and teamwork skills;
  - b) written and oral communications skills in the field of intelligence and national security;
  - c) career management skills, job search techniques and job creation for others;
  - d) risk, crisis and failure management in the academic and scientific research career;
  - e) management of human, material and financial resources in the field of intelligence and national security;
- (4) The complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy is designed in the Curriculum of the postdoctoral advanced research program. It is carried out based on the module sheets, so as to complement the designed learning outcomes.
- (5) The scientific activities sheets are developed by the module coordinators and centralized in the Analytical Program of the Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program.

### **Art. 18.**

- (1) Completing the complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy ensures the achievement of a maximum of 30 ECTS. Obtaining the credits is conditional on active participation in the activities of each module provided for in the Curriculum of the postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (2) Complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy does not affect the postdoctoral researcher's availability for the individual advanced scientific research program.
- (3) Participation of a postdoctoral researcher in the complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy can be done during any year of

study and it can be resumed to strengthen knowledge, skills, responsibilities, autonomy, but will be credited only once.

- (4) The results of the evaluations under the complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy have a formative role, do not imply compulsory promotion and do not condition the financing of the postdoctoral researchers or the course of the postdoctoral researchers within the postdoctoral advanced research program.

**Art. 19.**

- (1) Completion of the complementary program knowledge skills, responsibilities, autonomy by the postdoctoral researchers is made in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the doctoral school, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.

## **Section 6. Completion of the Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program Intelligence and National Security**

**Art. 20.**

- (1) Completion of the Intelligence and National Security Postdoctoral Advanced Research Program involves two stages:
  - a) approval of the scientific graduation paper by the academic advisory and integrity committee, which is usually done in semesters 3-4 of the postdoctoral advanced research program;
  - b) approval of the scientific graduation paper by the graduation committee, which is usually done in semester 4 of the postdoctoral advanced research program.
- (2) The scientific graduation paper proves that the postdoctoral researcher has the ability to approach a problem or a topic of scientific research in a scientific manner. It must highlight the ability to extract the essential ideas from the studied bibliography, to operate with fundamental theories and those specific to the field of science, to identify the most appropriate scientific or professional research methods, to establish scientific or professional research objectives and operationalize them, to extract conclusions based on arguments and to offer theoretical and applied solutions of their own for a scientific research topic.
- (3) The scientific graduation paper must demonstrate the postdoctoral researcher's ability to use the research results in a creative, original and innovative way so as to produce a new perspective, a new solution to the problem addressed in the thesis or, as the case may be, to demonstrate the ability to generate ideas and solutions that have not been produced in previous research. This component of the scientific graduation paper can be embodied in models, operational research, case studies etc.

**Art. 21.**

- (1) The scientific graduation paper must be the result of the postdoctoral researcher's own scientific research activity and contain original results in the field of scientific knowledge.
- (2) The postdoctoral researcher is the author of the scientific graduation paper and assumes the correctness of the data and information presented in the thesis, as well as the opinions and positions expressed in the paper.
- (3) The content of the scientific graduation paper is established by the postdoctoral researcher in consultation with the scientific coordinator and will respect the framework structure and limitations imposed by the IOSUD regulations. The scientific graduation paper is an original work, and it is mandatory to mention the source for any material taken over.
- (4) The scientific graduation paper is a public document, the name and surname of the scientific graduation paper author, of the scientific coordinator and of the members of the academic advisory and integrity committee, as well as the identification data of IOSUD being also public information.
- (5) The CSD in which the postdoctoral advanced research program operates, propose criteria and indicators for evaluating scientific graduation papers, approved by the CSUD. The criteria for evaluating the quality of a scientific graduation paper refer to the scientific research results obtained within the postdoctoral advanced research program.

**Art. 22.**

- (1) For the approval of the scientific graduation paper by the academic advisory and integrity committee, the following actions are taken:
  - a) the postdoctoral researcher submits the scientific graduation paper in electronic format to the secretariat of the doctoral school, together with the scientific graduation paper summary and the declaration on one's responsibility regarding the originality of the scientific graduation paper;
  - b) the secretariat of the doctoral school performs the similarity analysis using a program recognized by CNATDCU; the doctoral school may additionally use another program to identify similarities, according to IOSUD's own regulations, the similarity reports being included in the graduation file;
  - c) the analysis and interpretation of the results of the similarity report are carried out both by the academic advisory and integrity committee, and by the committee proposed by the CSD and approved by the CSUD, according to IOSUD regulation;
  - d) if the analysis and interpretation of the similarity report indicates the need for changes in the scientific graduation paper, the postdoctoral researcher and the scientific coordinator are officially notified by the doctoral school. After the elements notified are remedied, the actions from Art.22 are resumed;
  - e) if the analysis and interpretation of the similarity report does not indicate the need for changes, the scientific graduation paper is presented to the academic advisory and integrity committee for approval for public defense.
  - f) if the academic advisory and integrity committee does not approve the paper for public defense, the postdoctoral researcher is informed of the elements that need to be redone;

- g) if the academic advisory and integrity committee approves the paper for public defense, the scientific coordinator drafts the acceptance report of the scientific graduation paper which he submits to the secretariat of the doctoral school accompanied by the minutes of approval of the scientific graduation paper by the academic advisory and integrity committee and the other documents provided for in the procedure for establishing the public defense file;
- h) the scientific graduation paper and its annexes will be handed over by the secretariat of the doctoral school for public consultation at the ANIMV Library.

**Art. 23.**

- (1) After the 30-day public consultation period, public observation regarding the existence of deviations from ethical and deontological standards, including from the perspective of the existence of plagiarism, shall be recorded in a report prepared by the doctoral school, which shall be submitted to the CSUD for analysis and decision in order to validate the initiation of the procedure for the public defense of the scientific graduation paper and shall be part of the graduation file.
- (2) If CSUD invalidates the initiation of the public defense procedure of the scientific graduation paper, the postdoctoral researcher receives recommendations regarding the rewriting of the scientific graduation paper and the elimination of situations not in compliance with the standards of ethics and deontology and is obliged to revise the content of the scientific graduation paper within 1 months from the communication of the decision to invalidate the defense, with the resumption of the disclosure procedures for the scientific graduation paper.
- (3) If the CSUD decision is for validation, the procedure for the public defense of the scientific graduation paper is initiated and graduation committee is established.

**Art. 24.**

- (1) Entry into the public defense procedure of the scientific graduation paper may be made if the following conditions are met:
  - a) the postdoctoral researcher has achieved the IOSUD ANIMV standard in force for the award of the attestation of postdoctoral studies;
  - b) the postdoctoral researcher achieved a minimum of 80 ECTS within the individual advanced scientific research program;
  - c) the postdoctoral researcher has achieved a minimum of 90 ECTS within the postdoctoral advanced research program; if they have not achieved a minimum of 90 ECTS, the postdoctoral researcher cannot defend the scientific graduation paper and is expelled.

**Art. 25.**

- (1) The evaluation of the scientific graduation paper in public defense is carried out by a graduation committee proposed by the scientific coordinator, endorsed by the CSD, approved by the CSUD and appointed by Decision of the Rector of ANIMV.
- (2) The Commission shall be composed of at least 5 members:
  - 1. president – representative of the IOSUD ANIMV management;
  - 2. the scientific coordinator from the doctoral school;
  - 3. at least 3 official examiners from the country or abroad, specialists in the field in which the paper was developed and who are tenured in higher education or scientific research at institutions other than IOSUD ANIMV.

- (3) The members of the public defense of the scientific graduation paper committee must have the scientific title of doctor and at least the teaching rank of associate professor or scientific researcher level II or hold the quality of doctoral supervisor, in the country or abroad.
- (4) The members of the academic advisory and integrity committee cannot be members of the doctoral committee.
- (5) The academic advisory and integrity committee associated with doctoral schools in IOSUD ANIMV cannot be official examiners in the graduation committees of IOSUD ANIMV.

**Art. 26.**

- (1) For the evaluation of the scientific graduation paper, the graduation committee has 15 days during which the official examiners prepare evaluation reports that they submit to the secretariat of the doctoral school.
- (2) After all evaluation papers are submitted, at the proposal of the postdoctoral researcher, with the approval of the scientific coordinator and the president of the graduation committee, the date of defense of the scientific graduation paper is established at least 25 calendar days before the proposed date for defense.
- (3) The announcement of the public defense of the scientific graduation paper is posted on [www.animv.ro](http://www.animv.ro) at least 20 days before the date set for the public defense, together with the other documents provided for in the procedure for establishing the public defense file.

**Art. 27.**

- (1) The public defense of the scientific graduation paper may only take place in the presence of at least 4 members of the graduation committee, with the mandatory physical participation of the committee chair and the scientific coordinator, the other members of the committee may also participate via online video-conference.
- (2) The public defense of the scientific graduation paper consists of:
  - a) presentation by the scientific coordinator of the content of the scientific graduation paper acceptance report;
  - b) presentation by the postdoctoral researcher of the main elements of novelty and originality in the content of the scientific graduation paper;
  - c) presentation by the official reviewers of the content of the scientific graduation paper evaluation reports;
  - d) mandatory participation in a question-and-answer session with the members of the graduation committee and the public.
- (3) Based on the public defense of the paper, the examiners' reports, the declaration on the originality of the work and the analysis on the degree of similarity, the graduation committee evaluates and deliberates on the award of the graduation attestation.

**Art. 28.**

In the event of failure to meet the minimum standards required for the award of graduation attestation, the graduation committee shall specify the elements to be reworked or completed in the scientific graduation paper and shall request a new public defense of the paper, after resuming the procedures provided for in Art.22 –

Art.27. The second public defense of the paper shall take place before the same graduation committee as in the case of the first defense. If the maximum standards are not met even at the second public defense, the graduation attestation shall not be awarded and the postdoctoral researcher shall be expelled.

- (2) If the postdoctoral researcher has fulfilled all the requirements set out in the scientific research program, as well as the minimum standards related to the field, the graduation committee proposes the award of the graduation attestation, a proposal that is submitted together with the graduation file, within a maximum of 30 calendar days, to CSUD.
- (3) If CSUD decides that the administrative procedure carried out within the doctoral school did not comply with the provisions of this regulation, the graduation file will be sent back to the doctoral school to be re-analyzed and completed. It may be re-sent to CSUD for a new analysis only after resuming the procedure provided for in Art. 22 - Art.27.
- (4) In the event that the CSUD issues the compliance notice within 30 calendar days from receiving the compliance notice, IOSUD issues the decision to award the graduation attestation, signed by the rector of ANIMV, draws up and issues the graduation attestation.

**Art. 29.**

- (1) The activities of public defense of the scientific graduation paper are made in accordance with a procedure proposed by the director of the doctoral school, endorsed by the CSD and approved by CSUD.
- (2) The procedure shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.

## **Section 7. Final Provisions**

**Art. 30.**

- (1) This *Regulation* enters into force starting with semester 1 of the academic year 2024-2025.
- (2) This *Regulation* shall be updated whenever necessary and when incidental legislative changes occur.
- (3) On the date of entry into force of this Regulation, any regulation referring to the organization and operation of the postdoctoral advanced research program is repealed.