



**Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program Agreement**  
*between*  
**Óbuda University, Budapest, Hungary**  
*and*  
**Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy**

## **1. Objective**

This Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program Agreement is based on the Memorandum of Understanding already signed between Óbuda University Budapest, Hungary (hereinafter referred as OBUDA) and Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy (hereinafter referred as UNIMI), and aims to define the framework for the Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program.

This Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program is conceived for the graduate students either of OBUDA or UNIMI to obtain both the Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science from UNIMI and the Ph.D. Degree in Information Sciences from OBUDA. Other Ph.D. degrees may be considered provided that an appropriate extension of this Agreement has been approved by both universities.

The intent of this collaboration is to permit highly qualified students, who have earned Master degrees or equivalent academic qualifications either from OBUDA or UNIMI and whose preparation and research interests conform well to the available resources and research activities in the other of these universities, to earn a Dual Ph.D. Degree from OBUDA and UNIMI.

## **2. Students Selection Procedure**

Applicants to this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program shall hold a Master degree or equivalent academic qualifications issued either by OBUDA or UNIMI, suited to enter the Ph.D. Degree's Program in Computer Science at UNIMI or the Ph.D. Degree's Program in Information Sciences at OBUDA.

Applicants shall also have been admitted either to the Ph.D. Degree's Program in Computer Science at UNIMI or the Ph.D. Degree's Program in Information Sciences at OBUDA.

To enter this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program two copies of the application should be submitted either to the Ph.D. Degree Program's in Computer Science at UNIMI or the Ph.D. Degree's Program in Information Sciences at OBUDA.

To be admitted to this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program, the applicant shall have to pass the Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program Admission Examination, consisting of the evaluation of the following documents: the previous academic career (i.e., a detailed curriculum including undergraduate, graduate, and research records), a research proposal, and three letters of recommendation.

Up to nine Ph.D. students from each partner university among the applicants who passed the Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program Admission Examination will be selected to participate in this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program and be admitted both the Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science at UNIMI and the Ph.D. Degree in Information Sciences at OBUDA.

Each Ph.D. student will select at least one Co-supervisor at OBUDA and at least one Co-supervisor at UNIMI. The Ph.D. student will identify one of the Co-supervisors at OBUDA as the OBUDA Reference Co-supervisor, and one of the Co-supervisors at UNIMI as the UNIMI Reference Co-supervisor. The Reference Co-supervisors will be responsible for supporting the appropriate application of all administrative and educational regulations at the respective university for that Ph.D. student. If no Co-supervisor will be identified at UNIMI or OBUDA the applicant will not be admitted to this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program.

The Main Supervisor for a Ph.D. student will be jointly selected by the two Reference Co-supervisors, typically being one of them. The Main Supervisor is responsible for guiding and supervising the educational and research activities of that student.

The total duration of the Ph.D. Degree's Program at UNIMI and the one at OBUDA are defined by the respective current regulations. The Ph.D. student will study on a full-time basis for at least one year at OBUDA and for at least one year at one of the UNIMI campuses during the total durations of the respective Ph.D. Degree's Program. The periods spent by the Ph.D. student out of the home institution shall be jointly approved by his/her Main Supervisor and the Reference Co-supervisors.

The Ph.D. educational activities for each Ph.D. student will be jointly determined by his/her Main Supervisor and Reference Co-supervisors, by fulfilling the minimum requirements both at UNIMI and OBUDA. The educational activities shall be approved by the Director of the Ph.D. School in Information Technology at UNIMI and by the Director of the Ph.D. School in Information Sciences at OBUDA.

After having fulfilled all other educational and research requirements, to obtain each of the two Ph.D. Degrees envisioned by this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program each Ph.D. student has to pass the Final Defense Examination either at UNIMI or OBUDA, under the respective regulations. This examination will be valid also as the Final Defense Examination of the other partner university. External referees who may be required by the Final Defense Examination should be affiliated neither with UNIMI nor OBUDA; at least one of these external referees should be affiliated neither to an Italian nor to an Hungarian university or research institution. The Main Supervisor and the Co-supervisors may attend the examination, possibly by videoconference, without voting rights unless they have been appointed as members of the examination committee.

Ph.D. students who have passed the Final Defense Examination either at UNIMI or OBUDA are awarded with the Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science by UNIMI and the Ph.D. Degree in Information Sciences by OBUDA.

### **3. Financial Support**

Both universities will look for any possibilities of financial support from social agencies, companies, charities, and financial groups with the purpose of setting forth the collaboration programs.

Each of the partner universities will waive all tuition fees and the charges for issuing its Ph.D. diploma to Ph.D. students of the other university who will participate in this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program. Both universities will not have other financial obligations.

Each Ph.D. student will be provided with the same academic resources and supporting services as are normally provided to other Ph.D. students at the host university at the same academic level.

Each Ph.D. student will receive every assistance from the host university in locating suitable dormitory-style accommodation. The cost of accommodation, including food, is the responsibility of the Ph.D. student.

Each Ph.D. student is responsible for his/her own international and local transportation costs, unless special arrangements are made by the host university.

Each Ph.D. student is responsible for making arrangements for a suitable insurance plan, which must include sufficient medical coverage, accident coverage and civil liability coverage. The cost of the insurance will be paid by the Ph.D. student, unless special arrangements are made by the host university.

### **4. Supervision and Management of the Agreement**

The Agreement and the Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program will be jointly supervised and managed by the Director of the UNIMI Ph.D. School in Information Technology and by the Director of the OBUDA Ph.D. School in Information Sciences, or their delegates.

The implementation details of this Dual Ph.D. Degree's Program which have not been specified in this document will be jointly defined by the Director of the UNIMI Ph.D. School in Information Technology and by the Director of the OBUDA Ph.D. School in Information Sciences, or their delegates.

Any interpretation issue concerning this Agreement and its implementation will be jointly solved by the Director of the UNIMI Ph.D. School in Information Technology and by the Director of the OBUDA Ph.D. School in Information Sciences, or their delegates.

### **5. Duration of the Agreement**

This Agreement will come into effect with the appropriate signatures of each partner university and will remain in force, until the appropriate authority of either university makes a written termination or the Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities terminates. Either university giving six months written notice to the other university may

terminate this agreement. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the two universities. In the event of termination, students, who have already enrolled in the program, are allowed to continue under the original terms and conditions of this Agreement.

For Óbuda University

For Università degli Studi di Milano

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Rector, Óbuda University

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Enrico Decleva  
Rector, Università degli Studi di Milano

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