

Hanoi, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## DECISION

### On revising the Regulation of PhD training of University of Science and Technology of Hanoi

#### RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF HANOI

Pursuant to Decision No. 2067/QĐ-TTg dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 of the Prime Minister on the establishment of University of Science and Technology of Hanoi (USTH);

Pursuant to Decision No. 2557/QĐ-TTg dated December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 of the Prime Minister on issuing the Regulations on organization and operation of USTH;

Pursuant to Decision No. 140/QĐ-ĐHKHCN dated June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 of the Rector of USTH on issuing the Regulation of PhD training at Doctoral School, USTH;

Pursuant to conclusions of the Rector Board meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020;

At the proposal of Director of Department of Academic Affairs,

#### DECIDES:

**Article 1.** To revise certain articles of the Regulation of PhD training at Doctoral School, USTH promulgated with Decision no. 140/QĐ-ĐHKHCN dated June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by the Rector of USTH as follows:

1) Replace the term “PhD training at Doctoral School, USTH” with the term “PhD training at USTH”.

2) Revise Article 1 as follows:

#### “Article 1. General provision

This document provides regulations on the admission and implementation of the PhD training program at University of Science and Technology of Hanoi (hereinafter called as USTH) including student recruitment, training program, management of training process, thesis evaluation and diploma awarding.

Other matters relevant to the PhD training program but not mentioned in this document are regulated by Circular no. 08/2017/TT-BGDĐT dated April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by the Ministry of Education and Training.

3) Revise Article 3 as follows:

#### “Article 3. Qualifications required for applicants



1. Applicant must hold a Master degree in the field of application or a field relevant to the field of application; or applicant holds a Bachelor degree with very good grade in the field of application or a field relevant to the field of application.

2. Applicant is the author of an article or report related to the field of application which has been published in scientific journals, conference proceedings or peer-reviewed scientific conferences within 3 years (36 months) up to the date of application.

3. Applicant demonstrates a level of English being sufficient to develop research project activities and integrate within research group/laboratory according to the regulations of Ministry of Education and Training.

4. Applicant who is under contract with a company/institution should have an official letter from their company/institution allowing them to attend the PhD training program at USTH.”

4) *Revise Article 8 as follows:*

**“Article 8. Training duration**

1. The PhD training program is conducted in the form of formal education. PhD students must spend at least 12 months studying full-time at USTH’s laboratories or/and USTH collaborative laboratories.

2. The duration of PhD training program (from the date of the decision on recognizing enrolled PhD students) is 36 months (3 years) for students with Master degrees and is 48 months (4 years) for students with Bachelor degrees.

3. In case PhD students cannot complete the PhD training program within the standard training duration, he/she must follow the procedures of extending his/her training duration 3 months before the end of standard time. The maximum time of extension is 24 months.

4. The Rector considers and decides if the PhD student can finish his/her program early if he/she has completed the full training program according to this regulation.”

5) *Revise Article 10 as follows:*

**“Article 10. Training program**

1. The training program consists of 06 semesters equivalent to 36 months (for students holding a Master degree), and 08 semesters equivalent to 48 months (for students holding a Bachelor degree) from the date of the decision on recognizing enrolled PhD students.

2. For PhD students holding a Master degree, the training program consists of 180 ECTS, including:



(i) 08 ECTS of compulsory courses including: General Essay (02 ECTS) and 3 doctoral thematic researches (02 ECTS/research).

(ii) 12 ECTS of specialized courses (04 courses) at PhD training level (excluding the Master courses that PhD students should follow in parallel as per the request of his/her admission jury). These courses are delivered by qualified scientists of the relevant academic departments. Following the instruction of supervisors, each PhD student should select at least 03 courses in the field of his/her PhD research topic and no more than 01 course in the relevant fields. PhD students can valid some specialized courses (maximum 02 courses) through other academic activities, e.g. Oral presentation at USTH Doctoral Days (0.5 ECTS), Oral presentation at a national conference (0.5 ECTS), Oral presentation at an international conference (1.0 ECTS), etc.

(iii) 160 ECTS of PhD thesis.

3. For PhD students holding a Bachelor degree, in addition to the program in Item 2 above, PhD students must obtain additional 60 ECTS by taking courses from the Master program in the relevant field or specialty, except for foreign language courses and the Master thesis.

4. Students should complete at least 75 % of the training program (except for the PhD thesis) within the first 02 years of training.”

**Article 2.** The Decision is effective from the signing date.

**Article 3.** Director of Department of Academic Affairs, Director of Doctoral School, Directors of academic departments and relevant units are responsible for implementing this decision./.

**Recipient:**

- As Article 3;
- Rector Board;
- Archive: Admin., DAA.

**PRINCIPAL RECTOR**



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