

# Thesis Advisory Committee Formation Rules

This document specifies the requirements on Thesis Advisory Committees (“Comissão de Acompanhamento de Tese” – abbreviated CAT) in the specific context of the Doctoral Program in Computer Science at FCT UNL, in addition to the general rules of the FCT UNL regulations concerning doctoral programs.

1. The proposal for CAT composition should be submitted to the CCPDI by the supervisor;
2. The proposal should indicate the full name, affiliation, and area of expertise of each member, as well as a justification for their inclusion in the CAT;
3. The CAT may include from 3 to 5 members. Among these, one must find
  - a. A DI FCT UNL faculty member, other than the supervisor
  - b. At least one member not affiliated with the FCT UNL
  - c. The supervisor(s).
  - d. A member with previously successfully concluded PhD supervision experience.
4. The CAT is chaired by a DI FCT UNL faculty member.
5. The CCPDI must notify the supervisor of CAT proposal approval or rejection within two weeks after its submission by the supervisor. In case of rejection, the CCPDI must issue a written justification for the decision.
6. The CA must be officially approved by the CCPDI at least one month before the submission by the candidate of a Thesis Plan Proposal.

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