1. RESEARCH STAYS AT PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL CENTERS

All thesis supervisors will encourage their PhD students to undertake research stays at the Spanish and international centers with which the university has partnership agreements (see Section 1.3). Although the frequency of these activities will depend on the particular circumstances of each student and his/her research, the aim is for students to stay at prestigious universities/research centers for at least three consecutive months in order to ensure that they complete their research training and conduct part of their thesis project at one of these centers.

As stated in Section 1.3 of this report, the School of Nursing, specifically the School's International Office, has been working in recent years to strengthen internationalization in order to develop partnership agreements with various international institutions, especially those that offer the possibility of research stays, and to ensure students receive guidance at both universities. The University's Doctoral School also aims to boost its students' mobility, since one of its strategic objectives is to achieve 25% of theses with an international doctoral degree.

The commitment of full-time and part-time students has been considered in the planning and structure:

- Full-time students who wish to obtain an international/European doctoral degree must conduct a research stay lasting at least three consecutive months at a prestigious university or research center, preferably starting in their Third Year of enrollment in the doctoral program.
- Part-time students who wish to obtain an international/European doctoral degree must conduct a research stay lasting at least three consecutive months at a prestigious university or research center, preferably starting in their Fourth Year of enrollment in the doctoral program.

To cover travel expenses to these prestigious institutions, PhD students may apply for the predoctoral mobility subsidies that are awarded by different public bodies for the completion of doctoral theses (FPU, FPI, regional governments, etc.). Travel expenses may also be covered through funds allocated to the mobility of research students and awarded to research groups, and scholarships from banks (Santander, LaCaixa, etc.) for stays at overseas centers. Similarly, Friends of the University of Navarra awards a set of scholarships aimed at financing overseas doctoral visits.

It is also possible to carry out shorter stays with specific goals such as learning and developing new nursing interventions for completion of the doctoral thesis.

Related skills: CB11, CB12, CB13, CB15, CB06, CA01, CA02, CA04

Monitoring procedure: PhD students must complete the required documents to request an overseas stay, with the endorsement of their thesis supervisor, in order to obtain approval for the stay from the Academic Committee of the doctoral program and the Board of Management of the school to which the program belongs.
The thesis supervisor and the Academic Committee of the doctoral program will ensure that students have access to a tutor during their stay at the host institution, and this tutor will certify the student’s activity on completion of the visit.

The joint director of the host center will certify in writing that the objectives of the research stay have been fulfilled.

**Travel requirements:** The Academic Committee of the doctoral program and the Board of Management of the school to which the program belongs will be responsible for establishing the partnership agreements required to facilitate PhD student visits to overseas centers.

They will also provide all the information related to scholarships and programs that may help students finance their overseas research period.