



THE PODER JUDICIAL DEL ESTADO DE OAXACA AND ITS ESCUELA JUDICIAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INSTITUTO DE ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES EN DERECHO PENAL (INDEPAC), MEXICO, AND THE UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PERUGIA, ITALY, INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR:

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATE IN JUDICIAL LAW AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Dual Degree — First Cohort (2027–2029)

Aimed at judicial practitioners, legal professionals, academics, researchers and others interested in judicial law and its relationship with new technologies.

OVERVIEW

The **INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATE IN JUDICIAL LAW AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES** is a third-cycle programme (EQF Level 8), in accordance with the guidelines of the Bologna Process, developed jointly by the Escuela Judicial del Poder Judicial del Estado de Oaxaca, the Instituto de Estudios Superiores en Derecho Penal (INDEPAC) and the Università degli Studi di Perugia, pursuant to the Dual Degree Agreement signed between these institutions.

The programme aims to train highly qualified researchers and professionals at the intersection of the legal disciplines that enable the development of Judicial Law and New Technologies, with a particular focus on access to justice, the protection of personal data, bio-legal aspects and respect for human rights.

Upon successful completion of their studies, graduates will be awarded a dual qualification: the degree of **Doctor in Judicial Law and New Technologies (Doctor en Derecho Judicial y Nuevas Tecnologías)**, awarded jointly by the Judicial School and INDEPAC, and the degree of **Dottore di Ricerca in Scienze Giuridiche** (curriculum 'Persona, mercato e nuove tecnologie'), awarded by the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*.

AVAILABLE PLACES

The first cohort of the PhD programme offers up to a maximum of 10 places. Candidates will be selected by a Selection Committee, appointed by the PhD Programme's Academic Committee and comprising at least one representative from each partner institution, based on criteria of academic merit and the quality of the research proposal submitted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates must provide evidence of holding a second-cycle degree (Master's or equivalent), in accordance with the guidelines of the Bologna Process (a qualification equivalent to Level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework or higher) and the applicable national regulations. Candidates of any age and nationality may apply. To do so, they must submit the following documentation:

1. A duly completed application form, with a recent photograph, in accordance with the format available on the websites of the organising institutions.

2. Birth certificate or a copy of an identity document (passport, national identity card, identification card or other similar document).
3. Valid passport
4. An up-to-date curriculum vitae, accompanied by the relevant supporting documents (qualifications, certificates, publications, etc.).
5. Bachelor's and Master's degrees (or equivalent qualifications under the Bologna Process) in Law or other social sciences, awarded by legally recognised institutions.
6. Research proposal (maximum 10 pages) including: title, problem statement, rationale, objectives, preliminary theoretical framework, proposed methodology and bibliography. The proposal must fall within the field of judicial law and new technologies.

The research project

The research project is a key element in the application process, as it must demonstrate the applicant's ability to formulate an original, relevant and viable research problem within the field of judicial law and new technologies. It will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Originality and scientific relevance of the proposed topic.
- Clarity in the formulation of the problem and the objectives.
- Consistency between the theoretical framework, methodology and objectives.
- Relevance of the reference bibliography.
- Feasibility of the project within the three-year duration of the programme.

Selection process

Once applications have been received, the Selection Committee will assess the applications in accordance with the criteria set out above. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview to assess their personal, academic and professional profiles. The Coordinator will notify candidates in writing, via email, of their acceptance or non-acceptance onto the PhD programme, and will initiate the enrolment process in accordance with the terms established by the Escuela Judicial, which will coordinate the programme's student administration and academic matters. The decision on admission is final and cannot be appealed.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The PhD programme lasts three years and comprises a minimum of 180 ECTS credits, distributed across teaching activities, research activities, international mobility and publications:

- **Teaching activities** (minimum 30 ECTS over the three-year period): specific modules—including, amongst others, Comparative Judicial Law, New Technologies and Law, Artificial Intelligence and Justice, Protection of Personal Data, Bio-legal Aspects of Research—and cross-disciplinary courses—including research design, scientific ethics and integrity, and publication in indexed and open-access journals, amongst others—taught in Spanish, Italian or English, in face-to-face, online or blended formats.
- **Research activity:** preparation of an original doctoral thesis, under the supervision of at least two supervisors appointed by the academic institutions.
- **International mobility:** a period of study abroad, the costs of which will be borne by the doctoral candidate. In the case of mobility to the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*, it is possible to undertake the stay through the 'Visiting Scientist' programme, subject to a call for applications and the selection process of that university.
- **Publications and dissemination:** at least one scientific article in an indexed journal and presentation of a contribution at each of at least three international conferences, in addition to outreach and third-mission activities.

- **Public defence of the thesis:** before an examination board comprising the supervisors and external examiners appointed by the Academic Senate, assessed according to criteria of originality, depth and relevance of the work.

Programme timetable

Year 1	Subject-specific and cross-disciplinary modules; definition of the research project; presentation of the work plan; assignment of two supervisors and commencement of preliminary research work.
Year 2	Advanced modules and seminars; development of the research; international mobility (minimum 6 months); participation in conferences.
Year 3	Completion of the research; drafting of the doctoral thesis; publication of results; public defence of the thesis.

FORMAT, LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGES

The PhD programme will be based primarily at the Judicial School and secondarily at INDEPAC in Mexico City; other locations may be established in Mexico or abroad, subject to the approval of the Academic Committee. Teaching and scientific activities will take place in face-to-face, online and blended formats. The official languages of the programme are Spanish, Italian and English.

Participants will be exempt from paying enrolment fees at the host institution during their mobility period, although they will be responsible for the ordinary expenses arising from that stay. Doctoral candidates are advised to take out insurance to cover the risks associated with their period abroad.

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Dr Erika María Rodríguez Rodríguez

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Academic Coordinator

CALENDAR

Stage	Date
Publication of the call for applications	30 September 2026
Receipt of applications	1 October to 30 November 2026
Assessment of applications	December 2026
Interviews with shortlisted candidates	January 2027
Announcement of results	Last week of January 2027
Start of activities for the first cohort	February 2027

Application documents must be submitted in digital format (PDF) from 1 October to 30 November 2026, using the registration form provided at the end of this document.

✓ Duration: three years (2027–2029) ✓ Places: Up to a maximum of 10	Further information: www.tribunaloaxaca.gob.mx coordinacion.academica@tribunaloaxaca.gob.mx doctoradoderechojudicialnt@gmail.com Switchboard: (951) 50 16680, ext. 32016
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Any matters not covered in this call for applications will be resolved by the PhD Programme's Academic Committee in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Registration form



Scan the QR code to register on the website of the
Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Oaxaca.