

# UOC Alumni regulations

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## Preamble

Article 31 of our Organizational and Operational Regulations establishes that the UOC is an online university that naturally collaborates with individuals and organizations of all kinds to support the development of its activities. All these individuals and organizations are recognized by the university within a collaborative framework known as the university network, which our graduates collectively form part of.

Article 33 of the same legal text states that "in accordance with the UOC's vocation to support individuals in their development, the university is creating UOC Alumni, an open and collaborative space that brings together UOC graduates. UOC Alumni is developed with the involvement of the graduates themselves and seeks recognition and prestige for the UOC's teachings, while strengthening links with the various professional sectors."

The UOC Alumni network is of paramount importance to the UOC, as its graduates embody the institution's values, promote it, enhance its prestige and serve as ambassadors of our university to the world, while being the foremost concerned with ensuring its quality and rigour. This is reflected in the responsibility granted to alumni by the Statutes of the Fundació per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (FUOC) and the university's Organizational and Operational Regulations, which provide for their participation in appointing a portion of the members of the Board of Trustees.

In this sense, UOC Alumni not only strengthens the bonds between graduates and the university, while supporting their lifelong learning and ongoing professional development, but it also forms an integral part of the university's governance structure.

These regulations establish the framework for providing UOC Alumni with structure and organization to facilitate the fulfilment of the purposes attributed to it by the Organizational and Operational Regulations and enable the implementation of actions and services aimed at enhancing its value proposition for graduates.

## Article 1. Purpose and scope

1. The purpose of these regulations is to govern the organizational structure of UOC Alumni, an open and collaborative space provided for in Article 35 of the UOC's Organizational and Operational Regulations to ensure recognition and prestige for the UOC's teachings, while strengthening links with the various professional sectors.
2. Members of UOC Alumni are individuals who have graduated from one of the university's official programmes or UOC-certified programmes with at least 30 credits.
3. UOC Alumni members can be organized into thematic or territorial groupings (nodes), in accordance with the provisions of the corresponding regulations.

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## Article 2. Purposes

The main purposes of UOC Alumni are:

1. To promote and maintain dynamic, lasting links between UOC Alumni members and between them and the university.
2. To support the personal and professional development of graduates by providing a space for interaction, collaboration and the exchange of experiences and knowledge.
3. To contribute to the good governance of the university in accordance with the provisions of the FUOC Statutes and the University's Organizational and Operational Regulations.
4. To support graduates in their lifelong learning.
5. To facilitate the professional growth of UOC graduates.
6. To highlight the value of the UOC's educational and social work.
7. To disseminate the values and reputation of the UOC worldwide to enhance its prestige.
8. To collaborate in achieving the university's objectives.
9. To promote patronage in support of the UOC.
10. To carry out any other purpose entrusted to it.

## Article 3. Rights and duties of UOC Alumni members

1. The rights of UOC Alumni members are as follows:

- a) To form part of UOC Alumni.
- b) To participate in UOC Alumni bodies in the manner established in these regulations.

- c) To participate in any other UOC bodies, committees or working groups provided for in the FUOC Statutes, Organizational and Operational Regulations or any other regulations of the university.
- d) To participate in activities organized by UOC Alumni or other UOC bodies, faculties or centres.
- e) To receive information on the activities of the UOC and UOC Alumni, as well as on the composition and functioning of the representative bodies and other relevant matters.
- f) To enjoy the services and benefits that the university may provide for the alumni community.
- g) To exercise all other rights recognized by the applicable regulations.

3. The duties of UOC Alumni members are as follows:

- a) To collaborate with UOC Alumni in the fulfilment of its objectives.
- b) To respect the provisions of these regulations and other UOC regulations.
- c) To disseminate the values and principles of the university everywhere.
- d) To pay any fees that may be established.
- e) To carry out the duties recognized by the applicable regulations.

## Article 4. Governing body: the Alumni Council

The Alumni Council is the collegiate governing and management body of UOC Alumni. Its purpose is to govern, administer and represent the alumni community, as well as to safeguard their rights and interests.

## Article 5. Composition of the Alumni Council

1. The Alumni Council is made up of the following twelve members:

- a) The rector, who chairs it.
- b) The general secretary.
- c) The vice rector responsible for student matters.
- d) The vice rector responsible for competitiveness and employability.
- e) Eight (8) people elected by and from among the delegates of all thematic or territorial groupings (nodes).

2. The term of office of Alumni members elected from among the delegates is four years.

3. Alumni members elected from among the delegates may not represent any other governing or representative body of the university.

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## Article 6. Functions of the Alumni Council

The functions of the Alumni Council are:

- a) To draw up the university's proposals for action in relation to the UOC Alumni network and services for the alumni community.
- b) To advise and inform the university's governing bodies on all matters relating to alumni.
- c) To appoint representatives of the alumni community to any body, committee or working group provided for in the FUOC Statutes, in the Organizational and Operational Regulations or in any other university regulations.
- d) To ensure compliance with the functions and objectives of UOC Alumni.
- e) To create functional or territorial committees or working groups and to designate those responsible for achieving the objectives set.
- f) To listen to and gather proposals from UOC Alumni members.
- g) To draw up proposals for amendments to these regulations and submit them to the competent body for approval.
- h) Any other functions that may be assigned to it.

## Article 7. How the Alumni Council works

1. The Alumni Council meets in ordinary session twice a year, convened by the rector. Meetings may be virtual or in person. It may also meet in extraordinary session if one-quarter of its members submit a reasoned request.
2. General resolutions are adopted by a simple majority of votes. Votes may not be delegated.
3. Resolutions to appoint representatives of the alumni community to any body, committee or working group provided for in the FUOC Statutes, in the Organizational and Operational Regulations or in other university regulations must be adopted by a majority of more than two-thirds of the members of the Alumni Council.
4. Minutes must be drawn up for each session, including the date, time, duration, attendees, agenda and the content and outcome of resolutions adopted. At the beginning of the session, the Alumni Council must approve, where appropriate, the minutes of the previous session.

5. The Council may have a technical secretary, with the right to speak but not to vote, appointed by the rector from among the university's administrative staff, for the purposes of coordinating and implementing the actions and programmes promoted by the Alumni Council.

## Article 8. The presidency of UOC Alumni

1. The Alumni Council will appoint, from among the members of the alumni community and by a resolution adopted by a majority of more than two-thirds, a person to serve as president of UOC Alumni.
2. The term of office of the UOC Alumni presidency will be four years and may be renewed for a single term.
3. The primary function of the president is to represent the alumni group before the UOC itself, other alumni associations or groups at other universities, or any organization or entity in professional, economic or cultural areas, or the broader social sphere.
4. The Alumni Council may revoke the appointment for serious and justified reasons, after hearing the interested party, by a resolution adopted with the same majority established in section 1 above.

## Article 9. Economic and material resources

UOC Alumni forms part of the university's structures and, accordingly, the university must allocate a budget to cover the needs and resources required for UOC Alumni to carry out its activities.

## Article 10. Philanthropy and patronage

UOC Alumni will also collaborate with the university's philanthropy or patronage programmes. In this regard, UOC Alumni may invite its members to make voluntary contributions to fund specific university projects.

## Final provision

These regulations enter into force on the day following their publication on the UOC's e-services portal, **subject to approval by the university's Governing Council.**

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