Over the 3 years, each PhD student is required to complete a study, training and research stay abroad of at least 3 months (a stay divided into separate periods, lasting no less than a month, is acceptable). The obligation can be extraordinarily waived for reasons of force majeure, such as illness, maternity/paternity and, for the case of Industrial Doctorates, lack of authorization by the employer due to unexpected changes of the working conditions.

To perform any research period abroad each PhD student needs to obtain prior approval by the PhD Board.

To do so, two letters have to be sent to the PhD Coordinator, who will then issue the authorization and send it back to the PhD student:

1. Formal invitation letter from the foreign hosting institution, on letterhead and clearly specifying:
   1. Length of the stay (start date and end date)
   2. Name of the tutor abroad
   3. Short description of the activities that will be carried out
2. Letter from the PhD student tutor, on letterhead, clarifying the reasons/objectives of the period abroad, and that they are in line with the PhD program and useful for the student’s research

For further information concerning PhD students' mobility abroad (such as procedures, obligations, Marco Polo program, Erasmus+ program, etc.), please refer to the University of Bologna PhD Intranet Website: https://intranet.unibo.it/Ricerca/Pagine/DottorandiMobilitaEstero.aspx