

QF EHEA 3 rd cycle descriptors	SQF domain dimensions Level 8 (Doctoral studies)	EQF descriptor Knowledge Level 8 Knowledge at the most advanced frontier of a field of work or study, and at the interface between fields	EQF descriptor Skills Level 8 The most advanced and specialised skills and techniques, including synthesis and evaluation, required to solve critical problems in research and/ or innovation, and to extend and redefine existing knowledge or professional practice.	EQF descriptor Autonomy and Responsibility (Wider Competences) Level 8 Demonstrate substantial authority, innovation, autonomy, scholarly and professional integrity and sustained commitment to the development of new ideas or processes at the forefront of work or study contexts, including research.
I. Have demonstrated a systematic understanding of a field of study and mastery of the skills and methods of research associated with that field	I. Knowledge of occupational therapy and science	Demonstrate in-depth state-of- the-art knowledge and comprehension of occupational therapy and science and knowledge at the interface between fields.	Evidence in-depth state-of-the-art knowledge of complex phenomena related to occupation in specialised and wider contexts.	Manifest frontier knowledge of complex phenomena related to occupation in specialised and wider contexts.
II. Have demonstrated the ability to conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process of research with	II. Occupational therapy process and professional reasoning	Demonstrate in-depth state-of the-art knowledge of the research process and methods within occupational therapy and science and at the interface between fields.	Evidence in-depth state-of-the-art rigorous research process and methods within occupational therapy and science and at the interface between fields in a collaborative, ethical, and diversity- sensitive manner.	Manifest professional responsibility and research ethics and integrity in applying state- of-the-art research processes within occupational therapy and science and at the interface between fields.

scholarly integrity				
IV. Are capable of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas	III. Critical thinking and systematic scientific approach in occupational therapy and occupational science	Demonstrate in-depth state-of- the-art knowledge and comprehension of ethically grounded research paradigms and methodologies. Demonstrate systematic and critical appraisal and meta- analysis of policies, systems, fields of practice and their multiple interactions.	Evidence in-depth state-of-the-art knowledge of ethically grounded research paradigms and methodologies. Evidence more advanced and in-depth critical thinking and appraisal of complex phenomena and situations.	Manifest critical thinking and systematic scientific approaches to address complex problems.
II. Have demonstrated the ability to conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process of research with scholarly integrity	IV. Leadership, management, entrepreneurship, and innovation in occupational therapy and occupational science	Demonstrate in-depth state-of- the-art knowledge and comprehension of leadership, management, and entrepreneurial, innovative and sustainable practice.	Evidence leadership, management, and entrepreneurship in ethical and sustainable research and innovations. Synthesise, design, create, and evaluate ideas and innovations at the interface between fields.	Manifest leadership, professional integrity, entrepreneurship, and innovation in addressing complex issues. Manifest autonomy in management.
V. Can communicate with their peers, the larger scholarly community and with society in general about their areas of expertise	V. Advocacy, professional relationships, partnerships, and collaboration	Demonstrate in-depth state-of- the-art knowledge and comprehension of advocacy approaches, professional relationships, partnerships, and collaboration in research.	Evidence more advanced advocacy through research and expansion of knowledge and professional practice. Evidence sustainable professional relationships, partnerships, and collaboration in research.	Advocate for occupational rights and influence local and (inter)national policies. Build and sustain local and (inter)national research networks and partnerships.
	VI. Communication with individuals, groups and populations in wider health, social and political contexts	Demonstrate more advanced knowledge of communication processes, techniques, and (digital) technologies.	Evidence effective communication of broad, complex, and specialised knowledge using a variety of diversity-sensitive communication processes, techniques, and (digital) technologies for local and (inter)national audiences.	Manifest autonomy and responsibility for communicating broad, complex, and specialised knowledge as well as addressing complex ethical issues using effective and diversity-sensitive communication with wider (inter)national audiences.

VI. Can be expected to be able to promote, within academic and professional contexts, technological, social or cultural advancement in a knowledge based society	VII. Life-long professional development	Demonstrate state-of-the-art knowledge of approaches, (research) methods, and tools for reflective practice and opportunities for continuous professional development, locally and (inter)nationally. Demonstrate in-depth comprehension and appraisal of approaches for knowledge translation within academic and professional development contexts.	Create opportunities for continuous professional development, locally and (inter)nationally. Evidence knowledge translation within academic and professional development contexts.	Manifest commitment to mentor professionals and researchers and ensure life-long learning processes. Take initiative in creating and adapting mentoring and educational programmes, approaches, methods, and tools.
III. Have made a contribution through original research that extends the frontier of knowledge by developing a substantial body of work, some of which merits national or international refereed publication	VIII. Contribution to original research	Demonstrate knowledge on state-of-the-art research methods in intra- and interdisciplinary context extending existing fields of knowledge.	Evidence skills in knowledge translation and promotion of frontier knowledge on human occupation, occupational therapy, and science. Evidence ability to develop new knowledge based on autonomous research.	Manifest authority to advance knowledge on human occupation, occupational therapy and science, influencing wider discourse on society and health. Manifest high ethical standards in developing research, practice, and education to promote health and quality of life.