

## ADMISSION RULES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Applicants-holders of a master's degree or equivalent qualification may apply for state-funded, or state-non-funded places in full-time or part-time studies. Individuals who have studied for a doctorate at the expense of the state budget for more than half of the doctoral studies period may not re-apply for a state-funded place.

2. Applicants to doctoral studies are admitted through an open competition.

3. Sequence of the admission procedure:

3.1. submission of a request to participate in the competition and relevant documents;

3.2. selection procedure (interview);

3.3. signing of a study contract.

4. Application documents are accepted at the Research and Innovation Office of Klaipėda University from 9 a.m to 4 p.m on working days. Address: (Herkaus Manto Str. 84, the Rector's Office Building, 3rd floor, 301 room, Klaipėda) or by e-mail: [vita.jusiene@ku.lt](mailto:vita.jusiene@ku.lt)

5. Applicants to doctoral studies in the field of science shall be admitted through a competition on the basis of a competitive score, which must be at least 7,5.

6. The structure of the competitive score (SV\* 20% + PĮ \*\* 60% + MD \*\*\* 20%) and their coefficients:

*Weighted average of the grades of the diploma supplements (SV), up to 10 points 20% (weighted average of the grades of the diploma supplements – 40% and the grade for the final thesis - 60%)	**Assessment of the interview (PĮ), up to 10 points 60% (interview- 60% and research project of doctoral studies -40%)	***Assessment of research experience and scientific works (MD), up to 10 points 20% (assessment of research experience and scientific works)
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**Topic of the research project of doctoral studies** should be chosen from the list of dissertation topics. Research project should be written in English and should not exceed five pages of A4 format including pictures and list of literature (font size - 12 pt, line spacing - 1,5 line).

Following elements are necessary in research project:

- Title;
- Relevance and overview of the research topic;
- Planned research goals and objectives;
- Research methods and data;
- Expected results;
- List of literature.

7. Based on the selection criteria, after the interviews with the competitors, the Committee shall rank them in descending order. Applicants with a higher competitive score shall have the priority right to claim the chosen topic.

8. In case of applicant collecting an equal competitive score, the decision shall be made by the Doctoral Committee in the field of science.

9. Applicants to doctoral studies, provided they agree, may be offered a topic other than chosen by them at the time of application.

10. The individuals invited to take a state-funded place in the doctoral studies shall be the ones whose competitive scores are the highest in the competition list and who fall under the quota of study places determined by the University.

11. All candidates must attend the admission meeting.

12. Interviews with the Admissions Committee may be conducted in a mixed manner. Candidates shall be notified of the changed conditions by telephone or e-mail.