

**KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

**RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE OPEN COMPETITION FOR THE PHD STUDIES
(DOCTORAL) IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION SCIENCE IN 2024**

Admission to study at Kaunas University of Technology (KTU), Lithuanian Sports University (LSU), Vilnius University (VU) third cycle studies (doctoral studies) is carried out in accordance with the General Doctoral Regulation and the procedure for calculating the competitive score established in 2024.

1. The open competition for admission to the doctoral program in the field of educational science is open to persons with a master's degree or an equivalent higher education.
2. Admission is carried out to the places of general doctoral institutions in accordance with the quotas allocated annually by the Ministry of Education and Science (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry) (for each higher education institution separately).
3. The competition is conducted for individual topics of the General Doctoral Institution.
4. The applicant submits an application to the Rector of the General Doctoral Institution for permission to participate in the open competition for doctoral studies. This application shall be submitted to the department administering the doctoral studies of the Joint Doctoral Institution for which the theme is being applied for and where it is planned to prepare the thesis –KTU, the department administering the doctoral studies of the LSU. Other documents must be submitted along with the application, which specifies the direction, form and order of priority of the desired thesis topics (no more than two), (see paragraph 23).
5. Applicants with a master's degree in non-educational science or a higher education equivalent to it must additionally take the entrance exam in education. The exam is taken at the university where the application for admission to the doctoral open competition is submitted. The examination program is published on the university's website together with the rules and procedure for the open competition for the third cycle of study (doctoral studies) in the field of education science in 2024. Those who have passed this exam in a positive way continue to participate in the competition in the prescribed manner.
6. The competition for admission to a doctoral degree is organized by the Scientific Service of the coordinating university (Lithuanian Sports University), and is carried out by the General Doctoral Committee, which includes representatives of all educational scientists of all institutions that make up the joint doctoral studies – KTU, LSU, VU. According to the procedure of the competition, applicants are admitted to the General Doctoral Studies in the field of educational science separately according to the topics proposed by the institutions. All applicants must appear for an interview with the members of the Committee.
7. With persons who are separately admitted by competition to permanent and part-time doctoral studies in the field of education science, the rectors of general doctoral institutions or their authorized persons sign bilateral agreements of the established form (the contract is signed with the rector of that university, where the dissertation will be prepared).
8. The selection criteria for an admission to a doctorate in 2024 are as follows:
 - scientific publications (the assessment takes into account their compliance with the direction of educational science, the chosen topics of research and dissertation);
 - scientific experience (the assessment takes into account the nature of scientific activity);
 - the weighted average of the evaluations of the postgraduate or single-stage higher education institution studies and thesis of the entrant;

- the grade of a foreign language (English, French, German) indicated in the supplement to the diploma of the first, second or single-stage higher education institution (optionally) or in the certificate issued by the licensed center for foreign languages;
 - motivational conversation.
9. The selection criteria, their weight coefficients and the calculation of the competitive score on the recommendation of the Committee, on the recommendation of the Committee, shall be approved by order of the Rector of each institution of the Joint Doctorate every school year. 2024 See the procedure for calculating the competitive score. in Annex 1:
 10. Based on the selection criteria, the Committee evaluates the applicants with scores and forms separate priority rows for general doctoral studies on the topics of specific institutions (KTU, LSU) according to the highest competitive score. Applicants who have scored at least 8 (eight) competitive points are admitted to state-funded study places.
 11. On the basis of the committee's protocol, applicants for a doctoral degree are admitted by separate orders of the rectors of general doctoral institutions (KTU, LSU) depending on which higher education institution the applicant chooses the proposed topic and in which he will prepare the thesis, indicating the institution of general doctoral studies, the direction of science, the form of doctoral studies (permanent – up to 4 years, or part-time – up to 6 years), the nature of the funding, the topic of the thesis.
 12. If there are vacant places after admission, the Scientific Service of the coordinating university may organize the second stage of admission, which is carried out in accordance with the same procedure.
 13. Applicants who have not entered state-funded places by means of a competition may, on the proposal of the Committee, choose paid doctoral studies by paying the doctoral tuition fee set by the joint doctoral institution with which they will sign the contract.
 14. Citizens of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as the EU) take part in the competition in a general manner.
 15. Applicants who have obtained a master's degree or a diploma of equivalent higher education abroad, together with the documents referred to in point 23, additionally submit a document confirming the recognition of a qualification obtained abroad and pay the doctoral tuition fee established by the joint doctoral institution with which they will sign the contract.
 16. Citizens of non-EU countries admitted to doctoral studies must obtain a residence permit in the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure established by legal acts.
 17. Doctoral studies are held in Lithuanian or in a language approved by the Committee.
 18. The Committee shall, not later than during the first two weeks of doctoral studies, organize a meeting(s) of the Committee, which shall be attended by newly admitted doctoral students and managers who have won a dissertation-topic competition; newly recruited doctoral students are appointed a manager.
 19. On the recommendation of the committee, the rector of the doctoral institution approves the head of the doctoral student by order. On the recommendation of the department administering the doctoral studies of the institution, the rector by order approves the academic unit of the institution, to which the doctoral student is assigned.
 20. The file of a person who has not been admitted to a doctorate is stored for a year in the Scientific Service of the coordinating university, and later in the archives of the coordinating university.
 21. A person who has submitted a request to participate in a competition for admission to a doctoral degree and has not been accepted may, within two days of the publication of the minutes of the Committee:
 - 21.1. make a reasoned request or appeal to the Committee;
 - 21.2. after receiving a negative response from the Committee, within two days to submit an appeal to the rector of the coordinating university.
 22. **Admission procedures.**

Admission procedures	Date
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<i>Acceptance and registration of documents</i>	2024-08-22– 2024-08-30
<i>Entrance exam in education. Those who have completed education and other studies equated with the direction of the science of education do not need to take this exam.</i> It is held only by those persons whose field of study does not coincide with the direction of educational science.	2024-09-02
<i>Publication of the results of the exam in education</i>	2024-09-03
Possibility of appeals about the objectivity of the assessment of knowledge in education	2024-09-04
Examination of appeals	2024-09-05
<i>Invitees to the motivational interview</i> when entering KTU, LSU, VU doctoral studies are informed by e-mails.	2024-09-06
<i>Motivational interview (the meeting of the Doctoral Committee of the Field of Education science is organized remotely). All applicants must be present.</i>	2024-09-13 10.00
<i>Committee meeting for decision-making (applicants are not present).</i>	2024-09-13
<i>Announcement of the final results</i> of accession.	2024-09-16
The possibility of appeals on compliance with the rules of admission and on the objectivity of the motivational assessment of the interview.	2024-09-16 – 2024-09-17
If there are no appeals, then the institutions (depending on which the doctoral student belongs: KTU, the rector of LSU (or his authorized person) <i>conclude a contract with the doctoral student.</i>	2024-09-18
Examination of appeals.	2024-09-18
The possibility of appeals to the rector of the coordinating university.	2024-09-19 – 2024-09-20
Examination of appeals.	2024-09-23 – 2024-09-24
The rector of the institution (depending on which the doctoral student belongs: KTU, LSU) (or his authorized person) <i>concludes an agreement with the doctoral student.</i>	2020-09-26

23. Documents submitted for admission to the doctoral program.

Main documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application to KTU, or on behalf of the rector of LSU (depending on which institution the doctoral student chooses); • two recommendations of scientists in the field of educational sciences with a habilitated doctoral or doctoral degree of science; • curriculum vitae (handed in signed); • the diploma of the master's degree or the diploma attesting to the corresponding qualification, its annex / appendix (the originals will be immediately returned) and copies of these documents (copies are served); • a supplement to the diploma of the first, second or single-stage higher education institution (optional) or a certificate issued by a licensed center for foreign languages indicating the grade of a foreign language (English, French, German) (the originals are immediately returned) and copies of these documents (copies are served); • a list of the research papers of the doctoral student (a full bibliographic description is provided) and their prints, if any (accompanied by copies of the cover and content of the publication); accepted works for the press are submitted with a certificate from the editor of

<p>the publication about the accepted press article (after the review procedure); for those who have completed postgraduate studies in this calendar year, a copy of the master's thesis (if any);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of presentations read, about work at scientific conferences, if any (copies are handed over; the originals will be immediately returned); • one photograph measuring 3 x 4 cm (handed over); • a copy of the receipt of the entrance tuition fees paid to the account of KTU or LSU in the bank or certified copies of documents proving the right not to pay the entrance tuition fee; • documents confirming the change of name, if not all the documents submitted are under the same name (copies are served); • a copy of the personal data page of the passport or a copy of the identity card (a copy is served).
<p style="text-align: center;">Additional documents</p> <p>Documents at the discretion of the applicant, reflecting his scientific and pedagogical activities.</p>

24. Entrance tuition fee, account details.

24.1. When submitting documents *at Kaunas University of Technology*, the entrance fee for studies (EUR 50 for citizens of Lithuania and other European Union countries and EUR 100 for citizens of non-EU countries) is transferred to the account of Kaunas University of Technology :

Recipient – Kaunas University of Technology,

beneficiary's bank – AB Swedbank, account No LT54 7300 0100 0251 0317, bank code – 73000, abbreviated name of the contribution – "Entrance tuition fee", code – 2881, in the section of the payer's code is written the code of the entrant,

or

Recipient – Kaunas University of Technology,

beneficiary's bank – AB SEB bankas, account No LT75 7044 0600 0310 4494, bank code – 70440, abbreviated name of the contribution – "Entrance tuition fee", code – 2881, in the section of the payer's code is written the entrant's personal code,

or

Recipient – Kaunas University of Technology,

beneficiary's bank – AB DNB bankas, account No LT70 4010 0425 0240 0369, bank code – 40100, abbreviated tax name – "Entrance tuition fee", code – 2881, in the section of the payer's code the entrant's code is written.

24.2. When submitting documents *at the Lithuanian Sports University*, the entrance fee for studies (EUR 35) is transferred to the account of the Lithuanian Sports University in SEB Bank No. LT047044060003325574, bank code 70440, payment fee code 005, payer's code – personal identification number (if the payer agrees to submit).

24.3. The entrance tuition fee is non-refundable.

25. State-funded doctoral places.

Form of study	KTU	LSU	VU
Full-time studies (4 years)	1	3	-
Part-time studies (6 years)	Not	Not	Not

26. Annual tuition fee (Eur) for admission to paid studies.

	KTU	LSU	VU
Full-time studies	11589 Eur	11589 Eur	–
Part-time studies	–	–	–

The tuition fee is paid in accordance with the conditions provided for in the study agreement.

Documents are accepted:

Kaunas University of Technology: Doctoral School, Studentų str. 50, Kaunas, Student Infocentras, on weekdays from 9.00 to 16.00.

Lithuanian Sports University: Kaunas, Sporto str. 6, Department of Science and Doctoral Studies, 210 kab. (central palace), on weekdays from 9.00 to 15.00.

Information on the service of documents and the conduct of the tendering procedure shall be provided

Kaunas University of Technology

PhD school, tel.: +370 608 15 609, e-mail doktorantura@ktu.lt

Studentų str. 50, Kaunas, Student Infocentras

Kaunas University of Technology website address

<https://stojantiesiems.ktu.edu/doktorantura/>

Lithuanian Sports University

In the Department of Science and PhD, e-mail kestutis.puzas@lsu.lt

Sporto str. 6, 210 kab. (central palace), Tel. 869009866, Kaunas

LSU website address <https://www.lsu.lt/mokslas/doktorantura/edukologijos-mokslo-krypties-doktorantura/>

Contest score calculation (published)

$$KB = ap \times P + am \times M + ad \times D + au \times U + amp \times MP$$

KB – competition score;

ai is the significance factor;

a ten-point system gives scores when evaluating:

1. P = publications,
2. M = scientific experience,
3. D is the weighted average of the grades indicated in the Annex to the Diploma of Completion of Master's or Single-Stage Higher Education (including the assessment of the final thesis, if any),
4. U is the grade of a foreign language (English, French, German) indicated in the supplement to the diploma of the first, second or single-stage higher education institution (optional) or in the certificate issued by the licensed center for foreign languages,
5. MP – assessment of the motivational interview for admission to the doctoral program.

Significance factors

$$ap = 0.25; am = 0.15; ad = 0.25; au = 0.10; amp = 0.25$$

Evaluation criteria

Publications (in accordance with order no. V-747 of the Minister of SMM dated 04.10.2017)

Eil.Nr.	Type of scientific work
1.	Scientific monographs, scientific studies, theoretical, synthetic scientific works.
2.	Scientific articles, chapters of books published in peer-reviewed journals.
3.	Other articles, chapters of books, academic reviews, and so on. publications with the scientific apparatus in scientific, cultural and professional periodicals, continuous and one-off publications.
4.	Publications of sources, scientifically commented translations, scientific dictionaries, reference books, encyclopedias, (bio)bibliographies, higher education textbooks. Glossary of terms in the field or direction of science, scientific reference book, encyclopedia.
5.	Social, cultural development works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - publications on scientific science and scientific policy; - academic publications and academic reviews without a scientific apparatus; - specialized information, examinations, evaluations and comments (historical, philological, artistic, sociological, legislative, legislative and their drafts), submitted to state and municipal institutions; - collections and chrestomatias prepared from lithuanian and world culture materials (folklore, literature, philosophy, religious texts, art, examples of language, historical sources, etc.) for the needs of education and the general public; - curation of examples of natural diversity, archaeological finds, tangible and intangible objects of traditional culture collected during field research, cultural monuments, works of literature and art, demonstrations of museum and archival collections, exhibitions, expositions, cultural heritage events collected during field research and materials describing them; - educational projects based on scientific material;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of new materials for cultural heritage, linguistic, sociological databases; - compiled scientific works. <p><i>So is the master's thesis, if one year has not passed since the completion of the master's studies.</i></p>
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P.S.

- (a) the assessment shall take into account whether the publication submitted:
- corresponds to the research and dissertation topics chosen for admission to the doctoral studies in education;
 - whether it is in the field of educational science;
 - whether it is outside the field of education;
- (b) the unit of work on social, cultural development in all cases is considered to be only a collection, cycle, set, publication, etc., consisting of at least 4 units or 2 author's arcs, and not a separate small-scale text, description, lecture, broadcast, fragment, etc.;
- (c) if the work is prepared with co-authors, only the author's share shall be counted, taking into account the number of authors;
- (d) in the case of several categories of work, the scores shall be added up until they exceed 10 points.

2. Scientific experience

Yy. No.	Scientific activity
1.	Read presentations at scientific conferences organized by higher educational institutions, other scientific organizations.
2.	Read presentations at scientific practical conferences.
3.	Worked on a scientific conference, which was organized by a higher educational institution, a scientific organization, in an organizational or the like. Committee.
4.	Worked in the organization of a scientific practical conference or the like. Committee.

P.S.

- a) if there are several categories of work, the scores are summed up in the assessment until they exceed 10 points;
- b) the facts of the activity shall be proved by the submission of certificates.

3. D is the weighted average of the grades indicated in the Annex to the Diploma of Completion of Master's or Single-Stage Higher Education (including the assessment of the final thesis, if any)

If the diploma supplement is provided in a system other than ten points, it is recalculated in accordance with the assessment logic provided for by the CDM (Recommendations for improving the assessment of study results).

4. U is the grade in a foreign language (English, French, German) indicated in the supplement to the diploma of the first, second or single-stage higher education institution (optional) or in the certificate issued by the licensed center for foreign languages

If the assessment is submitted in a system other than ten points, it shall be recalculated in accordance with the assessment logic provided for by the CDM.

5. P – assessment of the interview for admission to the doctoral program

The evaluation is carried out on a ten-point system, in accordance with the evaluation logic provided by the CDM.

Criteria:

- a) the applicant is able to justify the motivation to study at the chosen doctoral level;
- b) the applicant demonstrates knowledge of literature on the chosen topic.

Calculation of the competitive score (detailed)

$$KB = a_p \times P + a_m \times M + a_d \times D + a_u \times U + a_{mp} \times MP$$

Where:

KB – competition score;

a_i is the significance factor;

the scores given in the ten-point system when evaluating:

1. P – publications.
2. M – scientific experience.
3. D is the weighted average of the grades indicated in the Annex to the Diploma supplement to the diploma of completion of master's or single-stage higher education (including the assessment of the final thesis, if any).
4. U – a certificate in a foreign language (English, French, German) indicated in the supplement to the diploma of studies of the first, second or single-stage higher education institution (optional) or in the certificate issued by the licensed center for foreign languages.
5. MP – assessment of the motivational interview for admission to the doctoral program.

Significance factors:

$$a_p = 0.25; a_m = 0.15; a_d = 0.25; a_u = 0.10; a_{mp} = 0.25$$

Evaluation criteria:

1. Publications (In accordance with order no. V-747 of the Minister of SSM dated 04.10.2017)

Yy. No.	Type of scientific work	Unit (author's share)	Score, according to the order. The unit value specified in No V-1128
1.	Scientific monographs, scientific studies, theoretical, synthetic scientific works: a) according to the chosen topic of research, dissertation for admission to the doctoral program; b) the direction of education; c) not in the direction of education.	At least 1 aut.l.	(a) 10 (b) 8 (c) 5
2.	Scientific articles, book chapters published in peer-reviewed journals: a) according to the chosen topic of research, dissertation for admission to the doctoral program; b) the direction of education;	Two and more One	(a) 10 (b) 8 (c) 5 (a) 8 (b) 6 (c) 4

	c) not in the direction of education.		
3.	<p>Other articles, chapters of books, academic reviews, and so on. publications with the scientific apparatus in scientific, cultural and professional periodicals, continuous and one-off publications:</p> <p>a) according to the chosen topic of research, dissertation for admission to the doctoral program;</p> <p>b) the direction of education;</p> <p>c) not in the direction of education.</p>	<p>Two and more</p> <p>One</p>	<p>(a) 5 (b) 3,5 (c) 2,5</p> <p>(a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2</p>
4.	<p>Source publications, scientifically commented translations, mosque dictionaries, reference books, encyclopedias, (bio)bibliographies, higher education textbooks Dictionary of terms in the field or direction of science, scientific reference book, encyclopedia:</p> <p>a) according to the chosen topic of research, dissertation for admission to the doctoral program;</p> <p>b) the direction of education;</p> <p>c) not in the direction of education.</p>	<p>Two or more aut.l.sk.</p> <p>One aut. 1.</p>	<p>(a) 5 (b) 3,5 (c) 2,5</p> <p>(a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2</p>
5.	<p>Works of social, cultural development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - publications of scientific science and scientific policy; -academic publications and academic reviews without a scientific apparatus; - specialized information, expertise, evaluations and comments (historical, philological, artistic, sociological, legislative and their drafts), submitted to state and municipal institutions; - collections and chrestomatias prepared from lithuanian and world culture materials (folklore, literature, philosophy, religious texts, art, examples of language, historical sources, etc.) for the needs of education and the general public; - curation of examples of natural diversity, archaeological finds, tangible and intangible objects of traditional culture collected during field research, cultural monuments, 	<p>Two and more pcs. (in all cases, a unit of social, cultural development works is considered only a collection, cycle, set, publication, etc., consisting of at least 4 units or 2 author's bows, and not a separate small-scale text, description, lecture, show, fragment, etc.)</p> <p>One pc.</p>	<p>a) 2,5 b) 1,75 c) 1,25</p> <p>(a) 2 (b) 1,5 (c) 1,0</p>

	<p>works of literature and art, demonstrations of museum and archival collections, exhibitions, expositions and materials describing them;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educational projects based on scientific material; - preparation of new materials for cultural heritage, linguistic, sociological databases; - <i>as well as a master's thesis, if one year has not elapsed after the completion of the master's studies).</i> <p>The assessment shall take into account whether the work is presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) according to the chosen topic of research, dissertation for admission to the doctoral program; b) the direction of education; c) not in the direction of education. 		
<p>P.S.</p> <p>(a) in the case of several categories of work, the scores shall be added up for as long as they do not exceed 10 points;</p> <p>(b) if the work is prepared with co-authors, only the author's share shall be counted, taking into account the number of authors;</p> <p>(c) the works accepted for the press shall be legible on presentation of a certificate from the editor of the publication.</p>			

2. Scientific experience

Eil.Nr.	Scientific activity	Unit	Score
1.	Read presentations at scientific conferences organized by higher educational institutions, other scientific organizations.	2 and more 1	10 8
2.	Lectures at scientific and practical conferences.	2 and more 1	8 6
3.	Worked on a scientific conference, which was organized by a higher educational institution, a scientific organization, in an organizational or the like. Committee.	2 and more 1	8 6
4.	Worked in the organizational of a scientific-practical conference or the like. Committee.	2 and more 1	5 3
<p>P.S.</p> <p>(a) in the case of several categories of work, the scores shall be added up for as long as they do not exceed 10 points;</p> <p>(b) the facts of the activity are proved by means of certificates.</p>			

3. D is the weighted average of the grades (including the assessment of the final thesis, if any), of the grades indicated in the Annex to the Diploma of Completion of Master's or Single-Stage Higher Education At a Higher Education Institution (including the assessment of the final thesis, if any).

If the diploma supplement is submitted in a system other than ten-point, it is recalculated into it in accordance with the logic of the assessment provided for by the CDM (Recommendations for improving the assessment of study results).

4. U is the grade of a foreign language (English, French, German) indicated in the supplement to the diploma of the first, second or single-tier higher education institution studies (optionally) or in the certificate issued by the licensed center for foreign languages.

If the assessment is submitted in a system other than the tenth, it shall be recalculated in accordance with the assessment provided for by the CDM.

5. P – assessment of the interview for admission to the doctoral program.

It is evaluated in a ten-point system, following the logic of the assessment provided for by the CDM.

Criteria:

- a) the applicant is able to justify the motivation to study in this doctoral program;
- b) the applicant demonstrates accountability on the chosen theme.