

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES (PhD.) IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021



### FACULTY OF EUROPEAN STUDIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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#### Study programme:

Field of study	Study programme	Form of study	Degree awarded	Degree duration	Estimated number of admitted students*	
Economics and management	<b>Integrated Rural Development</b>	full-time	PhD.	3	3	free
		part-time	PhD.	4	2	tuition fee

- The number of admitted students may be a subject to change ( article 24 of the Statue of The Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra)

#### Application deadlines:

- Application deadline: **until 25th June 2020**
- Alternate application deadline:\* **until 12th August 2020**

#### Entrance exams:

- Entrance exams date: **1st July 2020**
- Alternate entrance exams date:\* **19th August 2020**

\* alternate entrance exams will only take place in case the sufficient number of students won't be selected in the chosen deadline

**Required attachments:** CV, certified copies of the diploma and state examination certificate of II. cycle of studies, proof of payment of the administration fee. For study programs carried out in a combination of Slovak and English, a certified copy of the English level certificate (CEFR level at least B2 or IELTS level at least 5.5) is also required.

**Address for application submission:** Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra  
Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development - Research Office  
Tr. A. Hlinku 2  
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#### Admission conditions

- Successful completion of the Master's Degree study
- Duly filled-in application and supporting documents.
- Applicant must be personally present at the entrance exam on the stipulated date.

4. In exceptional circumstances, the applicant may submit a request to the Dean's office to be allowed to take the entrance exams via Skype. Such request must be submitted at least 10 days before the stipulated date of the entrance exams.
5. Entrance examination in accordance with conditions below.

### **Conditions for admission of international students**

1. Conditions for admission of international candidates remain the same as those for Slovak nationals.
2. In case of students coming within International Agreements, all tuition fees and fees related to studies at The Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra are a subject to rules and regulations stipulated in such agreement.
3. In relation to tuition fees, student who has been granted a certificate of a „Slovak living abroad“ is considered a citizen of the Slovak Republic.
4. Applicants who have completed their previous university studies abroad are required to submit a “Decision on Recognition of Qualification” no later than on the day of the application deadline.
5. Decision on Recognition of Qualification falls within the competence of: ( under Art. 33 – 35 of Act no. 422/2015 Coll.):
  - Slovak university offering study programmes that are identical or similar to those stipulated in the submitted qualification certificate;
  - The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic in case there is no university in Slovakia offering study programmes that are identical or similar to those stipulated in the submitted qualification certificate.

### **Entrance exams**

1. The Admission Committee must be present and shall be composed of at least 3 members, one of which is a potential supervisor of the dissertation thesis. The dean of the faculty appoints and recalls the Admission Committee based on the proposal of the Trade Union Committee.
2. The entrance exams consist of presentation of the project on the chosen topic of the dissertation thesis (in English language) and English language exam.
3. In case of applicants for doctoral studies who have passed the state language examination or hold the Unicert certificate level C1, and/or IELTS of at least 7.0, the written part of the English language exam will be recognized and awarded maximum score
4. The following factors will be taken into consideration when the decision is made:
  - a) applicant's professional knowledge of subjects forming the theoretical basis of the selected study programme,
  - b) proven capacity for independent scientific work and the ability to contribute to the development of the selected field of study,
  - c) engagement in scientific activities during the candidate's previous studies,
  - d) active participation at Student's Scientific Conference and placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd
  - e) language skills,
  - f) candidates for part-time studies with previous experience in scientific work will have precedence over all others.
5. Form of the entrance exam: interview – presentation of the project on the chosen topic of the dissertation thesis (in English language) and English language exam (written exam).

### **Entrance exam evaluation criteria**

1. The following point-based evaluation will be used:

	Number of acquired points	
	Full-time study min. – max.	Part-time study min. – max.
Presentation of the project on the chosen topic of the dissertation thesis (in English language)	0 – 60 p	0 – 60 p
English Language	0 – 20 p	0 – 20 p
Active participation at Student’s Scientific Conference and placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd	1st place 10 p 2nd place 8 p 3rd place 6 p participation 4 p	1st place 10 p 2nd place 8 p 3rd place 6 p participation 4 p
Active participation in research and scientific activities (author or co-author of a scientific publication – photocopy must be provided to the Admission Committee) and other relevant factors	10 p	10 p
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>	<b>100 points</b>

2. The above-mentioned criteria for admission are complemented (under Act. 57) by the following elements:
  - social aspects,
  - the number of Slovak candidates living abroad
  - regional aspect (acceptance of students from economically lagging and structurally weak regions in appeal proceedings),
  - any candidate with specific or special needs may request a suitable form of the exam prior to the entrance examination. This is in order to determine what adaptations and accommodations are necessary for the individual test taker to help ensure their success.
3. The admission committee will evaluate the outcome of the entrance examinations at a non-public session. If several applicants for the same dissertation topic participate in the entrance examinations, the Admission Committee shall determine the order of success of the candidates according to the results of the entrance examinations.
4. The result of the entrance examinations will be recorded in a Report, which will include an overview of the points earned for each subject, as well as the ranking of each candidate among other participants based on the total number of points achieved. The Report with its annexes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Admission Committee and passed to the Dean of the Faculty.
5. The Admission Committee, as an advisory body to the Dean of the Faculty will determine the ranking of the applicants based on the evaluation of the entrance exams as well as other research and scientific activities of the applicants.
6. The Dean of the faculty shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant within 30 days of the interview.

#### **Administration fee:**

- **Online application: 35€** - via non-cash payment according to the instructions in the electronic application (the variable symbol will be generated by the system); candidate shall send the printed application together with the attachments to the Department of Science, Research and Doctoral Studies of the Department of European Studies and Regional Development.
- **Paper application: 40€** (paper application: ŠEVT, downloaded from the internet) – payment via internetbanking or bank transfer NOT by postal order !!!

**Bank account details:**

- IBAN: SK 408180000000 7000066247
- constant symbol: 0558
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- specific symbol : 106900721
- message for the recipient – family name and first name of the applicant (without accents).

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