

## Strategic Plan for PhD programmes

Step	Quality Standards	Indicators
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clear vision for doctoral study;</li> <li>b) Standardised written regulations for admission of doctoral candidates;</li> <li>c) Availability of relevant human resources and environment;</li> <li>d) Provision of regulations for PhD supervision and supervisors;</li> <li>e) Equivalency of scientific qualification of the PhD program with the current specialisation;</li> <li>f) Information on financial support;</li> <li>g) Provision of relevant adequate facilities;</li> <li>h) Provision of PhD guidelines and programs, involving information about organization process and content of examinations of foreign languages, informatics and specialization subject;</li> <li>i) Establishment of written regulations and procedures for PhD supervision (introduction of regulations about supervisors, researchers and university co-relations regulations).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National regulation on Scientific Degree Award;</li> <li>2. National regulations on Studying at PhD and Postdoctoral Studies;</li> <li>3. NUACA regulations on PhD programmes and other related normative documents;</li> <li>4. Mission publicly available;</li> <li>5. Regulations for admission available;</li> <li>6. Existence of research in the given field;</li> <li>7. Regulations and procedures for PhD supervision available (as approved by Scientific Council);</li> <li>8. Department for doctoral studies established;</li> <li>9. Information about PhD programmes are publicly accessible;</li> <li>10. Regulations on admission procedures of PhD are publicly accessible.</li> </ul>
<b>1. Step (first 6 months)</b>		
Admission and start of PhD programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Announcement of relevant PhD places, information provision (the University taking into account the scientific-educational resources development, establishes the places)</li> <li>b) Provision of admission regulations</li> <li>c) Transparent selection of a researcher on the basis of qualification, motivation and potential (there are 2 commissions for admission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Admission announcement is publicly accessible.</li> <li>2. Supervisor authorized by Scientific council</li> <li>3. Individual Scientific-Educational program is agreed with supervisor</li> <li>4. Admission regulations of PhD is available <b>1</b></li> <li>5. Seminar on local and international practice, regulations, standards (RA laws,</li> </ul>

	<p>examination: one responsible for transparency, competition conditions, another one is specialized and implements the knowledge verification)</p> <p>d) Approval of research topic and supervisor</p> <p>e) Long-term and short-term planning, research and education and other relevant activities</p> <p>f) Researchers are familiar with regulations, local and international standards (Salzburg Principles, ERA).</p>	<p>regulations, Salzburg Principles, ERA) of PhD education</p>
<b>2. Step</b>		
<p>Educational and Research Schedule and Progress (Qualification and Examinations)</p>	<p>a) Provision of sound organization of education schedule</p> <p>b) Provision of information on general access to funds and other scholarships</p> <p>c) Researchers' participation to meetings, seminars and conferences</p> <p>d) Articles in peer reviewed journals, which are included in the international scientific bibliographic databases and/or are approved by the SCC of RA</p> <p>e) Pedagogical practice and/or mentorship conducted.</p>	<p>1. Information on education processes is publicly accessible.</p> <p>2. Information about scholarships, funding opportunities is provided.</p> <p>3. Success stories on PhD student achievements are disseminated.</p> <p>4. Seminars organized by the University and by the initiative of researchers aimed at sharing knowledge and skills</p> <p>5. intermediate research progress reports are disseminated through seminars organized by chairs.</p> <p>6. Organized student groups, mentorship of student groups, participation in teaching and course development</p>
<b>3. Step (Final phase)</b>		
<p>Completion and submission of dissertation</p>	<p>a) Thesis discussed at a “open-door” meeting of specialized chair</p>	<p>1. Decision by the specialized chair</p> <p>2. Available papers published in international</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Overall evaluation of the thesis is conducted by Expert Commission, which should be assigned by the Specialised Council, as per current regulations.</li> <li>c) Specialized council discusses and gives final resolution. The University ensures that all steps are dealt transparently and summary on research is publicly accessible through websites.</li> <li>d) Final diploma received from SCC.</li> </ul>	<p>and local journals (mandatory), information available in websites, and other printed or online materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Dissemination of summary according to the acting regulations of SCC</li> <li>4. Summary available on website</li> <li>5. Dissertation is available in university's library.</li> </ul>
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