

## **ORDER AND CONDITIONS OF OPEN COMPETITION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES IN HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY SCIENCE FIELD IN 2025**

### **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Code of field of science	Field of Science
H 005	History and Archeology

1.1. Applicants to doctoral studies in History and Archeology science field are admitted through an open competition according to the chosen dissertation topic separately to each doctoral institution that has been granted the joint right of doctoral studies. Applicants can apply to no more than two different dissertation topics.

1.2. The competition is organized by the Doctoral School of Vytautas Magnus University, the competition is conducted by the Doctoral Committee of History and Archeology Science Field (hereinafter – Committee).

### **2. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

2.1. Master's degree or higher education degree equal to it.

2.2. Knowledge of foreign languages.

*\*Scientific experience, participation in scientific activity is an advantage*

### **3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- Application for admission addressed to the Rector
- Diploma of Master's degree or qualification adequate to it, its annex/supplement
- Letters of recommendation by two scholars from history and archeology science field
- Curriculum Vitae (signed by applicant)
- List of applicant's scientific publications (submitted in full bibliographic description) and their copies (submitted together with a copy of journal's cover and contents page); or, if a scientific article in not yet published – a document issued by the editorial board of a scientific journal certifying the acceptance of an article for publication (after the reviewing procedure) and its manuscript
- Electronic copy of the scientific research project in .doc or .docx format, if two topics are indicated in the application, then 2 scientific research projects need to be submitted
- Personal identification document
- Documents notifying the change of surname if not all documents are submitted under the same surname
- Other documents which an applicant wishes to submit

## 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 4.1. **Scientific publications (SP).** Applicant's scientific publications are evaluated by points according to the methodology approved by the order of Minister of Science and Education. Points for scientific publications are allocated and the sum of points is converted to a ten point system in the way described in Annex 1.
- 4.2. **Scientific research project (RP).** The scientific research project is prepared according to the requirements set by Committee (Annex 2). The project is marked by two evaluators appointed by Committee. The evaluator cannot be a potential supervisor. Its final mark consists of the average of marks given by the two evaluators in a ten-point grading system. The scientific research project shall be submitted in correct Lithuanian or English.
- 4.3. **Grade point average (GPA)** of the marks of study courses and thesis in annex/supplement to Master's diploma or other diploma confirming the reward of corresponding qualification.
- 4.4. **Motivational interview (MI).** The motivational interview takes place in Lithuanian or English. During the motivational interview the applicant's motivation to study in the doctoral programme is assessed as well as the adequacy of scientific publications, scientific research and other activity to the chosen topic, recommendations of scientists, knowledge of foreign languages, etc. The final point\* of the motivational interview is generated by the average of Committee member marks in a ten-point grading system. The candidates to doctoral studies must collect no less than 7 points from the motivational interview.

## 5. STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIVE SCORE (CS)

- 5.1. Competitive score (CS) is estimated according to the formula:  
 **$CS = 0,2*SP + 0,2*RP + 0,2*GPA + 0,4*MI$** , where:  
SP – is the point calculated in a ten-point grading system for scientific publications,  
RP – is the final point of assessment for scientific research project,  
GPA – is the grade point average of the marks in the annex/supplement to Master's degree or other diploma certifying the reward of the corresponding qualification,  
MI – is the final score obtained for the motivational interview.
- 5.2. In case of equal scores, an applicant whose overall score of scientific publications/ research project / specialty evaluation is higher will be given a priority.

\* Points are rounded to the nearest hundredths.

## 6. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- 6.1. Applicants are required to submit an application form to take part in the competition addressed to the Rector of the institution to which they are applying. This request can be submitted to the Doctoral School/Office of Science of each doctorate institution having the right to organize such studies. Together with the application, all document specified in Section 3 need to be submitted. Only those who submit all required documents can take part in the competition.
- 6.2. All applicants are required to take part in a motivational interview with the Committee members. For justified reasons, those who are physically unable to attend the motivation meeting may, at the Committee's discretion, participate online.
- 6.3. The Committee generates a competitive score according to the selection criteria and makes priority lists of applicants for each partner institution's dissertation topics.

- 6.4. In three days after the announcement of competition results, applicants can submit a motivated appeal to the Committee, and upon receiving a negative response, in three days, can appeal to the head of the doctoral institution, to which doctoral studies they applied.
- 6.5. After the final list of invited candidates is announced, applicants who were not accepted into state-funded study places, but who meet the requirements for doctoral studies, can choose fee-paying doctoral study places and study paying a tuition fee set by a doctoral institution.
- 6.6. Candidates invited to doctoral studies sign a bilateral contract with the doctoral institution, and the Rector's order is issued on their acceptance to doctoral studies.
- 6.7. If, after the admission process is over, there are free study places left, a second round of admission can be organized, which is carried out following the same procedure.

<b>Admission procedures</b>	<b>Dates and deadlines</b>
Submission and registration of documents	2025 06 01 – 2025 08 18
Doctoral Committee Meeting (motivational interview with applicants)	2025 09 04
Doctoral Committee Meeting (calculation of the competition results)	2025 09 04
Notification of applicants about the competition results	2025 09 05
Submission of motivated appeals to Doctoral Committee	2025 09 08 – 2025 09 10
Submission of appeals to the Head of the Doctoral Institution to which the applicant applied	2025 09 11 – 2025 09 15
Announcement of a list of invited candidates	2025 09 16
Signing agreements with the Doctoral Institution	2025 09 16 – 2025 09 17
Start of doctoral studies	2025 10 01

## **7. ADMISSION OF CITIZENS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMME STUDIES**

- 7.1. Applicants from foreign countries, having acquired a Master's degree or corresponding qualification outside the Lithuanian Republic, have to submit all the documents indicated in Section 3 and the following additional documents:
  - 7.1.1. Notarised translation of the Master's degree diploma and its supplement into the Lithuanian language.
  - 7.1.2. The Certificate of recognition of higher education qualification acquired abroad. The document about the acquired qualification may be issued by The study quality assessment centre and also high schools upon submission of the required documents.
  - 7.1.3. Application form for admission is filled in English. Curriculum vitae, a list of scientific publications and their copies can be presented in the English language.
- 7.2. Applicants taking part in the competition take their responsibility for all travel expenses and documents: personal identification document, visa, temporary residence permit, health insurance etc.
- 7.3 Applicants who have been admitted to doctoral programme studies, need to obtain a permission for temporary residence in the Republic of Lithuania or a permission to live in the Lithuanian Republic as a citizen of the country member of the European Community or have a permission to live in the Lithuanian Republic permanently.

## **8. TUITION FEES PER YEAR**

- 8.1. Students admitted to fee-paying study places have to pay a normative fee for tuition approved by the Order No. V-1455 of 30 December of 2025 by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Lithuanian Republic:
  - 8.1.1. 12 449 EUR per year for full-time studies;

- 8.1.2. 8 299 EUR per year for part-time studies.
- 8.2. Tuition fee can be reduced upon the decision of doctoral institution.
- 8.3. Tuition fee should be paid in 15 calendar days from the day the study contract comes into effect.

## **9. CONTACTS**

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**EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS ACCORDING TO THE TYPES OF DISSEMINATION UNITS (RESEARCH PAPERS) AND POINTS PER UNIT OF WORK BY THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA IN THE FIELD OF THE HUMANITIES AND THE POINTS TO BE AWARDED PER UNIT OF WORK IN ANNEX 1 TO THE ANNUAL EVALUATION OF RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES OF UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES**

No.	Type of research dissemination unit (research paper)	Unit of work scope	Unit value in points per unit of work scope
1.	Published by an internationally recognised scientific publisher: a scientific monograph (minimum 8 quires); a part of a scientific monograph, a scientific study, a synthesis research paper or parts thereof (all not less than 4 quires)	quire	15
2.	A scientific study, synthesis research paper or parts of a synthesis research paper or part of a scientific monograph published by an internationally recognised scientific publishing house (all of which must be at least 2 quires)	quire	10
3.	Published by other publishers: a scientific monograph (at least 8 quires); a research study, a synthesis research paper or parts, a part of a research monograph (all not less than 4 quires)	quire	7
4.	A research study, synthesis research paper or parts, part of a research monograph published by another publishing house (all not less than 2 quires)	quire	4
5.	Research article in an international journal, part of a scientific monograph published by an internationally recognised scientific publishing house (from 0.25 to 2 quires)	quire	5
6.	Research article in a peer-reviewed journal	unit	2
10.	Scientifically structured dataset	unit	4
11.	Applied scientific publication (scientific edition of a source, scientific edition of a translation, scientific dictionary (at least 8 quires), scientific handbook, encyclopaedia, (bio)bibliography)	quire	2
12.	Peer-reviewed research paper (at least 0.25 quires), dissemination publication (at least 0.35 quires)	unit	1

See: <https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/e4367a300bbe11ec9f09e7df20500045/asr>

\* Author's input (AI) is calculated according to the formula:  $AI = 1/N_A$ , where  $N_A$  is the total number of authors of the article. For example, if the number of authors is 4, one author's input is worth 0.25, i.e.  $AI = 1/4 = 0.25$ .

**Reviewed scientific articles:** reviewed periodical publications, reviewed series or one-time publications, having editorial board of scholars and ISSN or ISBN number.

**Scientific article** is an article published in scientific publications, written in compliance with requirements for a scientific article in a particular science field (footnotes, bibliography, formulas, drawings, description of methodology, statistic tables, and etc.), and corresponding to the scientific criteria, recognised in that science field; the minimum scope valid is 0.25 of the quire. The decision to accept shorter than 0.25 (1 quire = 14 pages) of the quire scientific publications is made by the Committee.

**The total sum of points is converted into a 10-point grading system as follows:**

- The maximum number of points of the applicant ( $T_{max}$ ) equals 10 points.
- $T_{max}$  divided by 10 equals the constant  $-k$  ( $k = T_{max}/10$ ).
- The total scored sum of other competition participants' points is divided by constant  $-k$ , and equals the applicant's number of points for scientific publications (points are rounded off to one decimal place).

## **RECOMMENDATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECT**

1. A scientific research project of a Ph.D. applicant (hereafter a Project) is an independent scientific work, which aims to reveal the author's scientific abilities, creativity, methodological preparation, motivation, theoretical preparation, practical experience, and particular scientific experience in the chosen topic.
2. The scientific Project shall describe the problem to be examined; evaluate its relevance and perform the analysis of previous research on the topic; define the aim and objectives of the work; identify possible directions and research methods.
3. The Project shall consist of the following sections:
  - **INTRODUCTION.** This section deals with the relevance of the topic, its novelty, the necessity for further exploration, formulates the research problem, plans the object, purpose and objectives of the dissertation, sets hypotheses and/or defensive theses.
  - **REVIEW OF LITERATURE AND RESEARCH SOURCES.** This part presents the research sources, the historiography, reviews the research on the topic in Lithuania and the world and reveals how the dissertation could complement the research already conducted.
  - **METHODOLOGY.** This section aims at discussing possible methods and process of the research and explaining how the data will be analysed, how reliability will be determined.
  - **BIBLIOGRAPHY.** In this section, reference sources and literature are provided, used when preparing the Project.
4. The scope of the Project is 8 000–12 000 characters (with spaces), i.e. approximately 4-5 pages.
5. The text should be printed in 1.5 spacing between lines, 12 pt., Times New Roman. Margins of the page are as follows: left – 3cm, right – 1.5, top and bottom – 2 cm.

## **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECT**

1. The object of the research, scientific problem, purposes and objectives are formulated precisely and logically.
2. The relevance of the chosen topic is determined in the context of scientific research and dissemination of research results.
3. The applicant is able to theoretically justify his/her future research, is familiar with existing research (historiography) on the chosen topic, is able to point out the links between different works, make critical comparisons and generalisations, and is aware of the sources of his/her future research and the possibilities of finding them.
4. The chosen material for the research corresponds to the object of the research, is authentic and sufficient.
5. The methodology complies with the purposes and objectives of the research.
6. The research project shall be submitted in correct Lithuanian or English and meet the methodological requirements set for scientific research (it is a copyrighted work, new and original ideas are presented, thoughts are logical and coherent, references and bibliography are according to scientific requirements, the style of the scientific language is accurate).
7. The research project's relevance to the competition's theme and to the long-term research directions and strategic priorities of the institution to which it relates.