

APPROVED
by Decision No. 35 of the meeting of 15 th December
2025 of the Committee of Doctoral Studies in the
Education Science Field

The competition of dissertation topics in social sciences, education science (007 S) and a competition for supervisors of doctoral students 2026

Announcement

The competition of dissertation topics

On 19th December, 2025, a competition for supervisors of doctoral students/the competition of dissertation topics in social sciences, education science (007 S) is announced. Applications for participation in the competition must be submitted from 19th December, 2025 till 22th February, 2026.

Scholars participating in the competition are asked to submit original topics related to ONE of the thematic areas listed below:

- Higher education
- Science of teaching and learning (didactics)
- Special education
- Preschool and primary school education
- Primary, general, secondary education
- Vocational training
- Adult learning
- Non-formal education
- Sports education
- Educational management
- Digitization of education and training

The presentation of the dissertation topic in a specific topic is provided for the dissertation topics competition.

The participant of the competition must be a scholar with PhD, recognized in the field of Educational Sciences.

The competition participants must meet the requirements for a senior researcher set by VMU in accordance with the Regulation of the Vytautas Magnus University Doctoral Programme in Education, approved by the Resolution of the Senate of the Vytautas Magnus University No. SEN-N-38 of 18 June 2024, point 46 (<https://www.vdu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Edukologijos-doktoranturos-reglamentas-.pdf>) and in accordance with the Minimum Qualification Requirements for the Positions of Lecturers and Researchers in the Social Sciences at Vytautas Magnus University, approved by the Senate of the Vytautas Magnus University by Resolution No. SEN-N-6 of 28 February 2024, points 4.2, 18.1, 18.2 (https://www.vdu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/S_kvalifikacinių-reikalavimai-2024-02-28_EN-1.pdf)

A scholar can supervise no more than five PhD students at the same time (including those on academic leave).

The following documents should be submitted for the competition to doktorantura@vdu.lt

- CV Europass form;
- List of scientific publications and other activities;
- Request to participate in the competition.

Application deadline is **February 22, 2026**.

To submit documents in person, please come to the following address:

Vytautas Magnus University Universiteto str. 8A-203, Akademija, Kauno raj.
Contact person – Rasa Andrišiūnaitė,
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Working hours: 9.00–16.00.

The decision of the Doctoral Committee will be announced **12th March, 2026**.

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Educational science (007 S) competition of PhD dissertation topics

PRESENTATION OF THE DISSERTATION TOPIC IN A SPECIFIC THEMATIC AREA

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Title of the topic in ENG (<i>indicate to which of the research thematic areas listed in the announcement the topic belongs</i>)

Scientific problem

Scientific relevance and internationalisation of the topic

Name and surname of researcher

Signature