

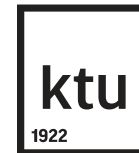
Doctoral study program requirements in Lithuania



Right of Doctoral Studies

- Right of doctoral studies shall be granted to the university alone or jointly with other universities and (or) research institutes in which high level scientific research is pursued by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.
- The university alone or jointly with other universities and (or) research institutes can be granted no more than one Right of doctoral studies in particular field of science.

Right of Doctoral Studies



- Necessary documents applying for the Right of doctoral studies:
 - reasoning for granting the right of doctoral studies in field of science;
 - a project of doctoral studies (doctoral study programme);
 - a list of applicants to the committee of doctoral studies and other scientists who are going to take part in doctoral studies and who work at institutions (from each institution applying for the right of doctoral studies together)*,
 - joint cooperation agreement of all institutions applying for the right of doctoral studies,
 - draft regulation of doctoral studies (prepared jointly by all institutions applying for the right of doctoral studies together).

*at least 3 scientists in the field of science at each institution should meet the requirements set for the chief researcher or senior researcher

Implementation of Doctoral Studies (I)

- Doctoral studies shall be implemented by the regulation of doctoral studies. Where the right of doctoral studies is awarded to several institutions, a joint regulation of doctoral studies shall be worked out as mutually agreed on by all institutions.
- Regulation of doctoral studies shall prescribe: procedure of admission to doctoral studies; procedure for devising and approving a working plan of the doctoral student; functions, requirements and working procedure of the committee of science field, supervisor of the doctoral student, defence board; procedure for assessing and attesting knowledge, abilities and skills of doctoral students; procedure for the defending of the dissertation, etc.

Implementation of Doctoral Studies (II)



- Doctoral studies and scientific research shall be coordinated by the committee of science field, which consist of no less than 9 high level scientists. Committee of science field must include representatives from all institutions which received the right of doctoral studies.
- The supervisor of the doctoral student must conform to the requirements set in the regulation of doctoral studies and may supervise no more than 5 doctoral students at a time.

Doctoral programme



Duration – 4 years (full time), 6 years (part time).

Doctoral programme consists of:

- **Studies** (of 30 ECTS doctoral study modules).
- **Research:**
 - presentation of research results in international conferences;
 - at least 2 publications of research results.
- **Doctoral dissertation (preparation and defence). Types of dissertation:**
 - traditional (an entire text);
 - scientific monograph;
 - doctoral dissertation based on a set of scientific articles.

Doctor's Diploma. The person who has defended a dissertation shall be awarded a scientific degree by the institution (institutions) holding the right of doctoral studies. Doctor's diploma shall include titles of all institutions jointly granted the right of doctoral studies.