

PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

1. A research paper on the topic specified in the application has to be an individual paper demonstrating the applicant's theoretical and methodological knowledge as well as research experience in the topic to which he/she applies, the skills of critical thinking, the originality of the ideas, and the ability to perform research work.

2. An applicant guarantees that the submitted research paper is an original work and that no copyrights of the third parties have been violated in the preparation of the research paper. Each applicant is also required to provide a guarantee that the paper does not contain confidential information or any information which is subject to the publishing restrictions set out by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania.

3. The research paper is prepared with consideration to the following guidance requirements:

3.1. The volume of the research paper is approximately 30,000 characters (including spaces), i.e., approximately 10 pages;

3.2. The text is written in 12 pt., Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, either in the Lithuanian language, or in the English language;

3.3. The research paper is required to contain the following sections:

A. Introduction – a summarised description of the relevance and significance of the research which contains the formulation of the scientific problem, the goal, the objectives, and the expected results;

B. Literature review – a review of the most recent sources of scientific literature (research papers, monographs, patents) on the dissertation topic is provided, thus identifying how the planned research would contribute to gaining new knowledge;

C. Research methodology – potential research methods or methodology are defined; a description is provided how the applicant expects to obtain and intends to analyse the data;

D. List of references – a list of references used for the preparation of the research paper is provided. All the literature indicated in the list of references has to be quoted in the paper.

4. The research paper is evaluated by the members of the doctoral committee of the science field. The arithmetic mean of their evaluation scores is the final score of the applicant's research paper which is then rounded to the nearest whole number.