Appendix 4 to the
2026 Regulations of Admission to
Third Cycle Studies at
Kaunas University of Technology

PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

1. A research paper on the topic specified in the application is required 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, skills of critical thinking, originality of the ideas, and ability to conduct research work. A Bachelor's or Master's final degree project or other written work from previous studies cannot be submitted instead of a research paper.

2. An applicant guarantees that the submitted research paper is an original work, and that no copyrights of third parties have been violated in the preparation of the research paper; the paper does not contain any 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 according to the following recommended 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 Lithuanian or in English;

3.3. The title of the research paper has to correspond to the dissertation topic specified in the application;

3.4. The research paper has to include the following sections:

A. Introduction: a summarised description of the relevance and significance of the research, the formulated scientific problem, the aim, 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, identifying how the planned research would contribute to creating new knowledge;

C. Research methodology: potential research methods or methodology are defined, describing how the applicant plans to obtain and 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 can be checked by the similarity checking system *Turnitin* used by Kaunas University of Technology, which allows to identify similarities in the submitted document with the texts published online and in the databases of academic publishers, as well as with the documents previously uploaded to the system; it recognises possible cases of fraud in text formatting. The generated percentage of similarity and a summary of the originality report are forwarded to the doctoral committee of the science field.

5. The research paper is evaluated by the members of the doctoral committee of the science field. The arithmetic average of their evaluation scores is the final score of the applicant's research paper, which is rounded to the nearest whole number. The highest possible evaluation score is 10 points.

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