

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST
FACULTY OF BIOLOGY
SCHOOL OF DOCTORAL STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF ECOLOGY
Field: Environmental Science

**REGULATION ON THE ORGANISATION AND CONDUCT OF THE
ADMISSION COMPETITION FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES**

2026

I. General provisions

Art. 1

In accordance with Law no. 199/2023 on Higher Education, as subsequently amended and supplemented, doctoral study programmes at the University of Bucharest fall into the category of scientific doctorate with funding from the state budget or fee-based and are organised only for full-time and part-time forms of education. The related grants include the amount of individual scholarships for full-time education.

Art. 2

(1) The competition for admission to doctoral studies within the School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology is conducted in accordance with the legislation in force, based on the provisions of O.M.E. no. 3020/2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies, with subsequent amendments and completions, O.M.E. no. 3693/2024 for the approval of the Framework Methodology on the organisation of admission to higher education in short-term, bachelor's, master's and doctoral cycles and implemented by this Regulation.

(2) The doctoral admission competition shall be organised by the **School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology**, in accordance with the mentioned legal provisions, shall be brought to the attention of potential candidates by displaying and posting both on the faculty's website and on the website of the School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology:

http://www.bio.unibuc.ro/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=58:doctorat-in-stiinta-mediului&Itemid=108&layout=default

<https://www.bio.unibuc.ro/index.php/scoala-doctorala/scoala-doctorala-de-ecologie>

(3) The information regarding the organisation of the competition for admission to doctoral studies shall be displayed both at the headquarters of the faculty and on the official website of the doctoral school at least 30 days before its organisation.

(4) The management of the Doctoral School shall ensure full transparency regarding the information, by posting within the legal term the topics and bibliographies related to the vacant doctoral grants for which the admission competition is organised.

Art. 3

The doctoral admission competition includes the following stages:

- a) registration of candidates;
- b) the selection process of candidates for positions funded by doctoral grants and those on a tuition-fee basis;
- c) the allocation of candidates to places funded from the state budget through doctoral grants and to tuition-fee places;
- d) the publication of admission results and the resolution of appeals.

Art. 4

(1) Admission to doctoral studies, both for positions financed from the state budget and for positions on a tuition-fee basis, is made through a competition organised by the Doctoral School, usually in the July 2026 session. If there are unfilled positions in July, a new session may be organised in September, with the approval of the Council for Doctoral Studies (hereinafter referred to as C.S.U.D.).

(2) Exceptionally, with the approval of the C.S.U.D., at the request of the doctoral school, only one admission session may be organised in September.

II. Admission calendar

Art. 5

The timeline for registration and the conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies are in accordance with the framework calendar approved by the Senate of the University of Bucharest, which becomes an annex to this Regulation. Doctoral schools establish their own calendars in compliance with the provisions of the framework calendar and may derogate from it in justified situations, with the approval of the C.S.U.D.

III. Preparation for the admission competition

Art. 6

In the July and September sessions (if applicable), admission to the School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology will be carried out with a single committee consisting of at least three members, selected from among the doctoral supervisors from the doctoral school.

The research areas in which doctoral supervisors of the doctoral school can supervise doctoral theses starting with the academic year 2026/2027, as well as the availability to supervise doctoral theses in international languages, shall be displayed on the doctoral school's website.

Art.7

(1) After the allocation of the positions funded from the state budget and those on a tuition fee basis, by the C.S.U.D., based on the positions allocated by the Ministry of Education and Research, the doctoral supervisors propose research topics for each vacant doctoral student position, and the Council of the Doctoral School approves them, taking into account the maximum number of doctoral students that can be supervised by a doctoral supervisor, established by the Senate of the University of Bucharest.

(2) In the process of approving the proposed topics, for quality assurance, a balanced workload will be followed for each doctoral supervisor, and the institutional financing strategy of priority research areas will be taken into account, as well as the priorities established by each doctoral school in order to increase the visibility of areas of excellence..

(3) The number of topics related to doctoral grants approved by the Council of the Doctoral School may be higher than the number of positions allocated by C.S.U.D. and shall be displayed at least 30 days before the admission competition.

Art. 8

(1) The Council of the Doctoral School shall elaborate and adopt by the end of January its own admission regulation, which shall then be submitted to the approval of the C.S.U.D.

(2) The regulation of the doctoral schools must necessarily include provisions regarding:

- a) the form and content of the admission competition, including the structure of the examinations and whether one or more admission committees or subcommittees shall be organised;
- b) the research topics and the related bibliography, if applicable;
- c) the criteria for evaluating and selecting candidates according to the general characteristics of the vacant doctoral student positions opened for competition, defined by the form of organisation of the

study programme and the type of funding, by the level of both general professional training and in the field of the topic, by the previous scientific experience reflected in studies, paper presentation at conferences, scientific publications;

d) the rights and obligations incumbent on the doctoral student following the occupation by admission of the respective position;

e) at least 3 (three) tie-break criteria for ranking candidates;

f) the possibility of participating in the admission competition online;

g) the doctoral schools that organise the admission by structuring several commissions or subcommittees explicitly provide for the classification of all candidates in a doctoral field on a single list, in descending order of the general averages obtained by them;

h) the manner of solving the appeals to the written tests, if applicable;

i) the deadline for submitting the last graduation certificate, as well as the documents corresponding to the original of the candidate admitted on the spot financed from the budget.

(3) After the approval by the C.S.U.D. and the approval in the UB Senate, the SSUDDE Admission Regulations shall be displayed on the bulletin board and on the website of the doctoral school, together with the own regulations approved by the C.S.U.D.

Art. 9

Candidates declared admitted to doctoral studies after each admission session within the doctoral school will confirm their place within three days from the end of the admission session.

Art. 10

(1) Until the date requested by the Board of Directors of the University of Bucharest (C.A.), the councils of the doctoral schools shall designate the admission commissions and the commissions for solving appeals, ensuring an adequate representation of the subfields and directions in which the admission to the doctorate is organised.

(2) The members of these committees shall be selected, as a rule, from among the titular doctoral supervisors of the doctoral school, possibly by including in these commissions affiliated or emeritus doctoral supervisors.

(3) The composition of the commissions shall be endorsed by the faculty councils, by the C.S.U.D. and by the Board of Directors and then submitted for approval to the U.B. Senate.

Art. 11

(1) After the communication by the Ministry of Education and Research of the number of places financed from the state budget through doctoral grants and their allocation by doctoral schools by the C.S.U.D., the council of the doctoral school shall communicate to the doctoral supervisors who have announced vacant positions the number of doctoral grants allocated.

(2) If the number of places is lower than the number of vacancies announced by the doctoral school, the competition will be held for all the vacant positions proposed by the doctoral school.

(3) Following the admission competition, the candidates will be ranked in descending order of the averages and those who have a minimum admission average of 7 (seven) and fall within the limit of the number of places allocated by the C.S.U.D., occupying the vacant positions of doctoral grants for which they have applied will be declared admitted.

IV. General conditions for registration in the competition

Art. 12

(1) Candidates who meet the following cumulative conditions may apply for admission to the doctorate:

a) they are graduates with a master's degree or a diploma equivalent to it, according to the law;

b) the cumulative number of transferable study credits acquired for the bachelor's and master's degree courses must be at least 300 transferable credits (E.C.T.S.);

c) are graduates with a bachelor's degree or equivalent (bachelor's degree of graduates of 5 or 6-year study programmes, the "day" form of education), issued until the year of graduation of the first bachelor's degree promotion organised in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 288/2004 on the organisation of university studies, with subsequent amendments and completions (long-term education).

(2) Graduates of studies carried out abroad and recognized by the specialized directorates of the Ministry of Education and Research as master's degree studies may also apply for the admission competition, and the cumulative number of transferable study credits acquired for the bachelor's and master's degree cycles must be at least 300 ECTS).

(3) The conditions provided by law for Romanian citizens shall apply to the citizens of the Member States of the European Union, of the States belonging to the European Economic Area and of the

Swiss Confederation, as well as to Romanians everywhere¹, regardless of citizenship, including with regard to tuition fees.

(4) As a rule, the registration for the admission competition is not conditioned by the field in which the bachelor's or master's degree was acquired. By exception, doctoral schools may establish specific requirements regarding the field(s) of bachelor's or master's degree studies through their own regulations.

(5) The conditions for exemption from the payment of registration fees for the admission competition shall be approved by the faculties, according to the legal provisions.

Art.13

(1) Registrations will be made at the secretariat of the School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology, either at the headquarters of the Faculty of Biology or online.

(2) In case of registration in the online system, either through the online platform or by e-mail to the secretariat of the doctoral school, the uploading/sending of the documents by the candidates is done with their assumption of responsibility for the authenticity and correspondence between the digital/scanned documents and the original ones, in the platform/in the content of the electronic message.

(3) Non-EU candidates, Romanians from Abroad, scholarship holders of the Romanian state will comply with the Admission Methodology developed by the International Relations Directorate and the admission conditions provided by this Regulation are applicable to them.

Art.14

(1) For registration, candidates shall submit/upload the following documents:

a) application/registration form - standard template;

¹ According to the provisions of the *METHODOLOGY for the schooling of Romanians everywhere in the state higher education in Romania, on places of study without payment of tuition fees, but with scholarship, respectively, without payment of tuition fees, but without scholarship starting with the academic year 2017-2018, approved by the Joint Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (no. 3900/16.05.2017) – MAE (A10-2046-26.05.2017) – M.R.P. (no. C/129/07.06.2017): art. 1 para.1 a) and b): "a) Persons who freely assume the Romanian cultural identity, persons of Romanian origin and those belonging to the Romanian linguistic and cultural vein, who live outside the borders of Romania, regardless of the ethnonym used (Armenians, Armenians, Aromanians, Bessarabians, Bukovina, Cuțovlahi, Daco-Romanians, Farserots, Hertsenes, Istro-Romanians, Danube Latins, Macedonians, Macedonian-Romanians, Maramureșeni, Meglenites, Megleno-Romanians, Moldavians, Moldavians, Rămâni, Romanians, Wallachians, Vlachs, Vlasia, Volohi, Macedo-Armânji), as well as all other lexical forms semantically related to the above. b) Emigrant Romanians, whether or not they have retained Romanian citizenship, their descendants, as well as Romanian citizens with a permanent domicile or residence abroad."*

- b) copy of a valid identity document (B.I. / C.I. / passport, etc., depending on the candidate's nationality);
 - c) birth certificate, copy (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
 - d) marriage certificate or other act of name change, copy (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
 - e) Baccalaureate diploma or equivalent, copy (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
 - f) higher education diploma (Bachelor's degree) and transcript / diploma supplement, copies (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
 - g) Master's Degree / Advanced studies and transcript / diploma supplement, copies or certificate for graduates of Master's degree studies from the current year (certification of conformity with the original can be made by the secretariat of the doctoral school);
 - h) scientific activity report;
 - i) the list of titles of the published scientific papers;
 - j) a proposal for a topic (written) in accordance with the research topics related to the vacant positions of doctoral student opened for competition by the doctoral supervisor, with the justification of its significance/importance;
 - k) a comprehensive bibliographic list for the proposed topic, on the basis of which the admission competition can be conducted;
 - l) Language proficiency certificate, unnotarised copy (according to the annex regarding the types of language proficiency certificates, attached to this methodology, in Annex 1);
 - m) statement on one's own responsibility regarding the accuracy and authenticity of the documents in the file submitted online.;
 - n) Receipt of the registration fee payment (payable at the faculty headquarters upon registration, or online).
- (2) For foreign citizens - the Language proficiency certificate regarding the knowledge of the Romanian language / Language proficiency certificate proving the knowledge of an international language, if the doctoral programme is carried out in a language of international circulation, except for foreign citizen candidates who come from the states with that official language of international circulation or who have graduated from the previous cycles of a study programme carried out in the respective international language;

(3) In addition, for the persons who request the exemption from the registration fee for the admission competition, one of the following documents shall be submitted:

- a) copy of the parents' death certificates (in the case of those orphaned by one or both parents);
- b) document attesting the candidate's origin from a single-parent family;
- c) certificate that they come from the social protection system (in the case of those in this situation at the time of registration);
- d) certificate showing the quality of teaching or auxiliary teaching staff, active or retired of the legal supporter;
- e) certificate proving the quality of personnel of the University of Bucharest for the candidate's legal supporters;

(4) According to the law, persons at risk of losing their ability to meet their daily living needs due to situations of illness, disability, poverty on the basis of a certificate issued by the Social Assistance Directorate in the area where the candidate resides shall also benefit from the tax exemption.

(5) The persons referred to in paragraph (3) letters a), b) and c) must cumulatively meet the following two conditions: a) not exceed the age of 35 at the time of registration; b) not to achieve an average net monthly income per family member for the last 12 months above the minimum net basic salary.

(6) The complete set of submitted / uploaded documents is verified by the secretariat of the doctoral school and is available until the first competition test.

The file can be sent online to the secretariat of the doctoral school at the address elena.petrache@bio.unibuc.ro for verification, and the physical file shall be submitted by the first examination in the competition. If the file is submitted online, it shall also contain the statement on one's own responsibility regarding the accuracy/correctness of the documents in the online file.

Graduates of Master's degree studies class of 2025 can submit the certificate of graduation of Master's degree studies to the file.

Art. 15

The admission of Romanian candidates from all over the world (Romanians Abroad) and foreign citizens from third countries of the European Union is carried out based on the methodologies specially developed by the Ministry of Education and Research, and they will address the International Relations Directorate / External Relations Service, in order to register for the admission competition for doctoral studies.

Art. 16

Candidates who are not part of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation (non-EU nationals) are required to submit **the certificate of recognition** of these studies, issued by the specialised Directorate within the Ministry of Education and Research. The certificate of recognition will be accompanied by copies of the legalised translations of the diplomas that were the basis for its issuance.

Art. 17

A person can benefit from funding from the budget for only one doctoral programme. The costs related to exceeding the duration of the free education, provided by the law, are borne by the doctoral student.

V. Conduct of the competition

Art. 18

The doctoral admission competition takes place at the Faculty of Biology/School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology, in the presence of the doctoral supervisor.

Art. 19

The admission competition can be held physically or by videoconference, in compliance with the legal provisions. In the latter case, the audio-video recording of the admission examination is mandatory and shall be archived together with the other admission documents.

In the July 2026 session, admission to the Doctoral School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology will be carried out with a single committee.

Art. 20

In principle, the doctoral supervisor is part of the admission committee.

Art. 21

If, for various reasons, the doctoral supervisor is not part of the committee, he will be asked for his agreement on the coordination of the candidate in order to fill the vacant doctoral student position. Their agreement must be drafted in writing and sent to the management of the doctoral school. In the absence of agreement, the committee will recommend the candidate to collaborate with another doctoral supervisor who has open the vacant doctoral student position, with a close scientific theme. The candidate who does not receive the agreement of any doctoral supervisor until the end of the competition procedure will be declared rejected, regardless of the result obtained in the admission competition.

Art. 22

- (1) The actual admission to doctoral studies is the process of selecting candidates for the vacant doctoral student positions, which the doctoral supervisors of the doctoral school have decided to open for competition, whose research topics have been approved by the Council of the Doctoral School.
- (2) The ranking of the candidates who presented themselves for admission is done in the descending order of the admission average, with a view to occupying the positions with study grants and respectively the positions with a tuition fee previously allocated by the C.S.U.D., and is carried out by the admission committee based on the doctoral school's own admission regulation.
- (3) The prior allocation by the C.S.U.D. of the number of positions with study grants and with fee, respectively, shall take into account the request of the doctoral schools, the number of positions occupied at the doctoral school in previous years and the degree of load of the doctoral supervisors, with the inclusion in the overall enrolment figure allocated by the Ministry of Education and Research.
- (4) The assignment of positions funded through doctoral grants from the state budget shall be made by the competition committee by classifying all candidates in a doctoral field on a single list, in descending order of the general averages obtained by the candidates.
- (5) In case of equal averages, the tie-breaking of the candidates will be made based on the criteria provided in Annex 2 of these admission regulations.
- (6) The single list includes all candidates declared admitted, specifying whether they are admitted on positions funded from the state budget or on fee-paying positions, depending on their options.

Art. 23

- (1) If the number of study grants allocated to the doctoral school by the C.S.U.D. is lower than the number of candidates who have opted for vacant positions from the state budget and have an

admission average above 7 (seven), the candidates who have not occupied one of the budgetary vacancies initially allocated may be considered admitted to the fee-paying positions, if they also opted for this option.

(2) At the same time, for them a waiting list will be drawn up in the descending order of the averages obtained at admission, with a view to occupying a possible position funded through study grants assigned to the doctoral school after the procedure of redistribution of the positions left unoccupied at the level of the I.O.S.U.D.

VI. Results of the competition

Art. 24

(1) The minimum average for admission to doctoral studies is 7 (seven). This average is maintained even if the admission exam is composed of several tests.

(2) The average shall be calculated to two decimal places, without rounding.

(3) The general averages obtained by the candidates for admission are valid for establishing the classification hierarchy only for the field of Environmental Science, for each session.

Art. 25

The specifications regarding the allocation/occupation of the budget positions with scholarship, respectively without scholarship, as a result of the admission competition, are:

(1) In the July 2026 session, all vacant doctoral student positions—both with study grants and fee-paying—are open for competition, as approved by the Council of the Doctoral School in order to fill the positions assigned by C.S.U.D. and approved by the Senate of the University of Bucharest in accordance with the tuition figure allocated by the Ministry of Education and Research.

(2) After the completion of the admission competition of the first session, in the next meeting of the C.S.U.D. the filling of the budget and fee-paying positions proposed by the admission committees shall be approved, in descending order of the average obtained.

(3) In the same meeting of the C.S.U.D., budget-funded positions shall be reallocated to doctoral schools that had a number of candidates with a passing grade of the admission competition higher than the number of budget-funded positions initially allocated and that were nominated in the waiting list drawn up after the competition.

- (4) The reallocated positions shall be taken proportionally from all doctoral schools that have not fully filled the budget-funded positions initially allocated by the C.S.U.D.
- (5) The budget-funded positions left vacant after these reassignments shall be redistributed as follows: at least 80% of them shall remain with the doctoral schools to which they belonged and at most 20% shall be redistributed to the doctoral schools which will make the request to organise the admission session in September 2026 as well, even if they have filled or exceeded the positions initially distributed, allocated by C.S.U.D.
- (6) The admission session in September is dedicated to filling the vacant and fee-paying positions left unfilled or redistributed after the July session. At the same time, in the admission session in September 2026, the final hierarchy is established in descending order of the averages obtained by the candidates participating in the 2 sessions on the total number of grants allocated.
- (7) The candidates with a passing grade in the admission competition, who did not meet the limit of the number of grants allocated, are nominated in waiting lists for this session, in view of a possible award of a grant from the budget, after the redistribution procedure at the level of I.O.S.U.D. – U.B. which will take place in the next meeting of the C.S.U.D.

Art. 26

- (1) The confirmation of the filling of the positions funded through doctoral grants from the state budget will be made after each admission session.
- (2) With the approval of the C.S.U.D., the doctoral school may organise admission only in the September 2026 session. In this case, the number of positions financed from the budget initially allocated to the doctoral school is equal to the number of positions occupied in the previous year weighted with the ratio between the total number of budget positions allocated by the ministry in 2025 and that of 2026.
- (3) The final distribution of the positions left vacant after the September 2026 session will be established in the next meeting of the C.S.U.D. this month, depending on the structure of the waiting lists, the requests of the doctoral schools, the total number of candidates declared admitted and the degree of occupation of the vacant positions.
- (4) Out of the total number of budget -funded positions filled after the 2 admission sessions, the number of positions with a Ministry scholarships will be approved in the C.S.U.D. meeting in September. The proportion of the number of Ministry scholarship positions out of the total number of

budget-funded positions that are filled will be at most equal to the proportion of Ministry scholarship positions out of the total budget-funded positions allocated by the Ministry at the level of the U.B.

Art. 27

(1) The admission committee of the doctoral school prepares and displays the preliminary list of admitted / rejected candidates for each admission session for the field of Environmental Science, in descending order of the general averages obtained with the mention of the beneficiaries of doctoral grants related to the full-time, respectively part-time education.

(2) On the basis of these lists, signed by the admission committee, the final list shall be drawn up after the approval given in the C.S.U.D. meeting. If there are candidates who have opted only for one form of financing/education and have not obtained a position in the specified category, they shall be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will also contain potential candidates who had an admission grade but were classified below the positions initially assigned to the doctoral school.

(3) Appeals in the case of written exams shall be submitted to the secretariat of the doctoral school within 24 hours from the posting of the provisional results, and their results shall be communicated within a maximum of 2 (two) days after the end of the deadline for submitting appeals.

(4) The doctoral schools shall establish the conditions under which the appeals may be submitted in the online system. The results obtained in the oral tests cannot be challenged.

(5) The Doctoral School shall analyse any appeals registered, in accordance with the provisions of its own regulations, and shall display the results of the appeals. The results of the appeals are final.

Art. 28

All candidates declared admitted following the organisation of each admission session are included in the C.S.U.D. decision on admission to doctoral studies, drawn up by types of funding.

Art. 29

(1) The results of the admission competition shall be validated by the Council of the Doctoral School and by the C.S.U.D. in its meeting held before the posting deadline and shall be approved by the Central Admission Commission of the University of Bucharest, before posting.

(2) The final results of the admission competition, approved by the Central Admission Commission of the University of Bucharest, shall be made known by posting according to the framework admission calendar.

Art. 30

Candidates who withdraw their registration documents before the final result of the competition is posted are considered eliminated from the competition.

Art.31

(1) The candidates declared admitted, after confirming the position occupied and after paying the registration fee, are enrolled in doctoral studies based on the result of the competition for the respective academic year, by decision of the Rector of the University of Bucharest.

(2) After enrolment, all doctoral students are registered in the Single Matriculation Register (R.M.U.).

Art. 32

The documents submitted by the rejected candidates, as well as those who drop out of schooling, are returned to them, upon request, within 48 hours from the submission of the application, compulsorily free of charge, based on identity documents, after the posting of the final results.

VII. Final provisions

Art. 33

(1) The University of Bucharest shall charge a registration fee for the admission competition from the candidates for the organisation and conduct of the admission competition. The registration fee for the admission competition to the School of Doctoral Studies in the Field of Ecology is 400 lei.

(2) Fees not used for objective reasons may be refunded, upon request, with the approval of the faculty management, the General Administrative Director and with the approval of the management of the University of Bucharest.

(3) The exemption from payment of the registration fees for the admission competition shall be made by the Faculty management on the basis of the documents submitted by the candidates from which it appears that they belong to one of the categories stated above.

Art. 34

For foreign citizens who apply to enrol in doctoral studies on *their own currency or with government funding* , extraordinary admission sessions may be organised, at the proposal of the doctoral school and with the approval of the management of the University of Bucharest, in compliance with the legal provisions and these Regulations.

Dean,

Professor Dr. Liliana BURLIBAŞA

Director of the Doctoral School,

Professor dr. Geta RÎŞNOVEANU

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APPENDICES

Annex 1. TYPES OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES*

for admission to doctoral studies

2026

Nr.crt.	Document	It is accepted at the faculty secretariat / Doctoral School	C.L.S. testing required**
1.	Language Proficiency Certificate issued by the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Department of Modern Languages (University of Bucharest)	<u>X</u>	
2.	Language Proficiency Certificate issued by the Universities of the <i>Universitaria</i> Consortium and by the "Transilvania" University of Brasov	<u>X</u>	
3.	Diplomas of the foreign language programmes of the University of Bucharest, the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA BUCHAREST and the Universities of the <i>Universitaria Consortium</i>	<u>X</u>	
4.	International tests (TOEFL, DELF, GOETHE Institut, Cambridge Certificate, etc.)	<u>X</u>	

5.	Diplomas and certificates issued by foreign cultural institutes (British Council, French Institute, Cervantes Institute, Italian Institute, etc.)	<u>X</u>	
6.	Documents showing a period of study abroad of at least 6 months, according to the O.M.	<u>X</u>	
7.	Baccalaureate diploma issued by a bilingual high school with mention of the high school programme in the international language	<u>X</u>	
8.	Diplomas and certificates issued by other universities and bodies		<u>X</u>

*** Minimum Level B2**

****"ARIEL" FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST (C.L.S.):**

Annex 2. Evaluation and tie-breaking criteria for candidates

Admission to SSUDDE is done through a competition. The competition consists of two oral examinations, held on the same day. The competition examinations consist of:

- i) PowerPoint presentation of a scientific article from the literature, selected by the candidate as representative for the proposed research topic (10 minutes);
- ii) PowerPoint presentation of the doctoral project (15 min).

The structure of the doctoral project will be as follows:

- ⇒ The title of the project (which must be fit for purpose);
- ⇒ Motivation, impact (refers to the importance of scientifically and socially intended research);
- ⇒ Current state of knowledge (based on a critical analysis and integration of recent knowledge in the field, 2-3 pages);
- ⇒ Purpose and main objectives (a well-defined goal and 2-3 associated objectives that can be achieved during the doctoral studies);
- ⇒ The experimental plan for the four years and the main methods to be used (2-3 pages);
- ⇒ Expected results (~ 1/2 page);
- ⇒ Novelty/originality of national and international research (~ 1/2 page);
- ⇒ Bibliography

The doctoral project will be drafted on A4 format, all margins of 2.5 cm, Times New Roman 12 font, with diacritics, single-spaced, text aligned justify, without additional space between paragraphs. The doctoral project is submitted to the file in paper format and is sent online to the address elena.petrache@bio.unibuc.ro.

The tie-breaking of candidates is done as follows:

i) The presentation in PowerPoint of a scientific article from the specialized literature is graded from 1 to 10, taking into account the following criteria:

- fitting into the research theme chosen by the candidate from among the themes put up for competition by the doctoral school;
- clarity of the presentation;
- degree of understanding and correctness of the interpretation of the results presented by the author;
- critical analysis and argumentation.

ii) The presentation of the doctoral project is graded from 1 to 10. In the evaluation process for this test, the following will be taken into account:

- the concordance of the project with the research theme established by the Doctoral School for the vacancies open for competition

- the novelty and originality of the research within the proposed theme
- the clarity and complexity of the proposed objectives and methodology
- the potential for achievement during the doctoral programme
- the quality of the bibliography used.

The final average is calculated as a weighted average of points i) (40%) and ii) (60%).

The differentiation at equal averages will be made on the basis of the average obtained from: the grade in point ii) and the graduation averages of the Bachelor's Degree programmes (Average of the three years of study) and Master's Degree programmes (Average of the two years of study).

The differentiation at equal averages for candidates who have completed long-term higher education in the period prior to the application of the three Bologna cycles (equivalent to the Master's Degree) will be made the average of the grade in point ii) and the average of graduation of the Bachelor's Degree programme (average of the years of study).

In the event that after the application of this criterion there are still situations of equality, the candidate who has the highest score resulting from the research activity, calculated based on the following formula, will be declared admitted:

Research score = (1* number of presentations at conferences held in the country) + (2* number of presentations at conferences organised outside the country) + (3* number of BDI papers) + $10(1+IF_1+IF_2+...+IF_n)$, where 1...n represents the papers published in ISI listed journals, with an impact factor > 0.