

III. ADMISSION OF NON-BULGARIAN NATIONALS, NON-EU MEMBER STATES' NATIONALS AND NON-EEA NATIONALS TO DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDIES AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF VARNA

Article 18. (1) Applicants who are not Bulgarian nationals and are not nationals of another EU member country, another country which is a party to the European Economic Area Agreement or the Swiss Confederation may apply for and receive training in doctoral degree studies:

1. Under intergovernmental agreements on educational, cultural and scientific exchange;
2. in accordance with acts of the Council of Ministers;
3. under the terms of Article 95, Paragraph 7 of the Higher Education Act.

(2) The applicants under Paragraph 1, Sections 1 and 2 are admitted under the conditions and according to the procedures set out in the respective agreement or act of the Council of Ministers in coordination with the respective institutions of higher education or scientific organizations.

(3) The individuals under Paragraph 1, Section 3 are admitted under the conditions and according to the procedures foreseen by the respective statutes of the institutions of higher education and the scientific organizations.

(4) The individuals under Paragraph 1 may apply for doctoral studies under the conditions and according to the procedures for admission of Bulgarian nationals if:

1. they have a permanent residence status for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria
2. they have the status of refugees
3. they are of Bulgarian descent.

Article 19. (1) The applicants for doctoral studies under Article 18, Section 1 submit the documents as follows:

1. A form or an application containing short biographical information, their level of command of foreign languages, as well as the institution

of higher education or the scientific organization at which they are willing to receive training;

2. A copy of the document of higher education certifying that the applicant is a master's degree holder;
3. A medical certificate issued one month prior to the date of the application, which is certified by the respective bodies in the country from which the individual is applying;
4. A list of publications, if there are any;
5. A copy of the citizenship documents;
6. A certificate of recognition of higher education if the diploma was issued by a foreign institution of higher education;
7. Two photographs

(2) The documents under Paragraph 1, Sections 2 and 3 have to be legalized, translated and certified in accordance with the stipulations of the international agreements between the Republic of Bulgaria and the country in which they were issued and in the absence of such agreements- in accordance with the general procedures for legalization, translations and certification of documents and other papers.

(3) the applicants under Article 18 , Paragraph 1, Sections 1 and 2 submit the documents set out in Paragraph 1 to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science.

(4) the applicants under Article 18, Paragraph 1, Section 3 submit the documents set out in Paragraph 1 to the higher education institution or scientific organization of their choice.

Article 20. (1) TU-Varna, through its department of Foreign Students and Doctoral Students sends to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science the documents of the approved applicants under Article 18, Paragraph 1, Section 3- nationals of countries for which a long-term residence visa for the Republic of Bulgaria is required, as well as information about:

1. The applicant's personal data-his or her names written in Latin characters, date of birth, place of birth, citizenship;
2. Title of the scientific major, the educational and scientific degree, mode and duration of the studies;

3. Information about the language and specialized training-level of command of Bulgarian language, name of the main entity in which the training will be provided;
4. Duration of the training;
5. Annual tuition fee and the fee for the language and specialized training;
6. The bank account number of the institution of higher education or the scientific organization to which the tuition fee or the fee for the language and specialized training has to be transferred.

(2) The Ministry of Education, Youth and Science issues a certificate of admission to studies in the Republic of Bulgaria for the applicants and notifies about this the Ministry of Interior and the Migration Directorate at the Ministry of Interior in writing. This certificate is valid only during the academic year for which it was issued.

(3) The individuals applying under the conditions of Article 95, Paragraph 7 of the Higher Education Act pay their tuition fees after being granted a D-type visa and arriving in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 21. The Rector issues an order for admission of the approved applicants to doctoral studies under Article 18, Paragraph 1

(2) TU-Varna notifies the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science in writing about the admitted applicants under Paragraph 1.

Article 22. (1) The applicants under Article 18, Paragraph 1, Section 3 submit their documents under Article 19 to TU-Varna through the Department of Foreign Students and Doctoral Students not later than November 1st of the year of application.

(2) A Decision for approving applicants is taken by the respective Faculty Council within one month from the submission of the documents.

(3) The Rector issues an order for admission for the doctoral student on the grounds of the Decision of the Faculty Council. The Decision of the Faculty Council and the Rector's Order should contain the mode of the doctoral studies; the chair at which the training will be conducted; the duration of the training; the subject matter of the doctoral thesis; the scientific major; the scientific supervisor and the annual tuition fee.

Article 23 (1) The Technical University of Varna provides the language and specialized training for the admitted foreign doctoral students.

(2) The language and specialized training for the foreign nationals will be provided by departments which are in compliance with the requirements of Article 26a of the Higher Education Act.

Article 24. (1) The training will be conducted in accordance with documentation for the studies which includes a plan of study and curricula.

(2) The language and specialized knowledge training is with a duration of minimum 6 months and is carried out in study groups of maximum 10 students.

(3) The language and specialized training of the doctoral students includes obligatory study disciplines, distributed into two groups with a minimum number of study hours: Bulgarian language-430 study hours and specialized disciplines-230 hours.

Article 25. (1) The instruction of Bulgarian language is completed with a written and oral examinations which are taken before a commission appointed by the Rector

(2) The specialized training is completed with examinations in all the study disciplines foreseen in the plan of studies which are taken before a committee appointed by the Rector

Article 26. The students having successfully completed their language and specialized training are issued a certificate according to a standard approved by the Minister of Education and Science.