

Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
Faculty of Science



**Admissions procedure and further conditions for admission to study
in full-time and part-time doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of Science,
Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice**

I. Admissions procedure

1. The admission procedure begins upon receipt of the application for study by the faculty. Applications for full-time and part-time study in accredited doctoral study programmes for the given academic year must be submitted electronically via the Academic Information System (AIS2), by post, or in person at the UPJŠ Registry Office. Accredited study programmes are listed in Appendix 1.
2. The application must be submitted within the deadline set by the faculty and must contain all required documents and particulars. The deadline for submitting the application in the form chosen by the applicant is **31 May of the relevant calendar year**. The attachments listed in point 5(c) of this article may also be submitted to the faculty's address at a later date. Documents attached to the application will not be returned to applicants; they remain part of the applicant's study file.
3. The dissertation topics for which an applicant may apply as part of the admissions procedure for doctoral study programmes are published, together with the names of the supervisors, on the faculty's website no later than two months before the deadline for submitting applications ([Thesis topics – Faculty of Science \(UPJŠ\)](#)).
4. The basic requirement for admission to doctoral study is a completed second-level university degree.
5. The application for doctoral study comprises:
 - a) a completed electronic application form (<https://e-prihlaska.upjs.sk>) "**Application for university study, doctoral – third level**" with the applicant's email address provided as a mandatory field, or a completed paper application form,
 - b) a structured CV,
 - c) certified photocopies of documents proving completion of studies:
 - university degree,
 - certificate of the final state examination,
 - diploma supplement,however, UPJŠ graduates do not submit these documents,
 - d) outline of the dissertation topic,
 - e) proof of payment of the fee (for paper applications),
 - f) applicants may also attach copies of documents evidencing other significant achievements in their professional activities to the application in electronic form via the AIS.
6. The fee for the administrative costs of the admissions procedure for prospective students is set out in an internal regulation – Rector's Decision No. 9/2025 on the determination of tuition fees, study-related fees and the reimbursement of costs associated with further training for the relevant academic year:
 - €30 for an electronic application,
 - €50 for a paper application.
7. Applicants who do not pay the above-mentioned fee **by 15 June of the relevant calendar year** will not be included in the list of applicants and will not be invited to the entrance examination. The fee will not be refunded to an applicant who has paid the fee but does not attend the entrance examination.
8. Applicants who have been included in the list of applicants and who are participating in the admissions procedure for study at the faculty will be invited to the oral entrance examination by email to the address they have provided. In accordance with Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions, the faculty will send

The applicant will receive an invitation to the entrance examination no later than 14 days before the date of the examination. The requirements for the admission procedure for individual study programmes are listed on the faculty's website ([Requirements for the admission procedure for doctoral studies – Faculty of Science](#)).

9. Full-time study is financially supported by a scholarship in accordance with Section 54(18) of Act No. 131/2002 on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Higher Education Act”). Article 7 of the UPJŠ Scholarship Regulations governs doctoral scholarships (<https://www.upjs.sk/prirodovedecka-fakulta/studium/stipendia/>).
10. The part-time mode of study is subject to fees. The amount of tuition fees for the part-time mode of study in doctoral programmes is set out in an internal regulation – Rector's Decision No. 9/2025 on the determination of tuition fees, study-related charges and the reimbursement of costs associated with further training for the relevant academic year. These internal regulations are published on the university's website: [Documents – UPJS Košice](#)

II. Entrance Examination

1. The main objective of the entrance examination for doctoral studies is to verify the applicant's professional aptitude to study in the chosen study programme and to assess the applicant's potential for independent creative work.
2. The entrance examination for doctoral studies is conducted before an admissions committee consisting of a chair and at least two members, who are appointed by the dean upon the recommendation of the chair of the subject committee of the relevant doctoral study programme.
3. In the case of an applicant's admission procedure for a topic set by an external educational institution (EEI), the members of the admissions committee shall also include representatives of the external educational institution, appointed by the director of the external educational institution.
4. The first round of the admissions procedure for doctoral studies will take place in person or online **between 16 June and 30 June of the relevant calendar year**. If necessary, the second round of the admissions procedure will take place by 31 August at the latest.
5. **The entrance examination** for individual study programmes consists of:
 - a) an assessment of a framework project on the topic of the dissertation,
 - b) an oral examination in the individual subject areas for the relevant study programme.
6. **Assessment of the draft research proposal for the dissertation topic:** This part of the entrance examination is based on the draft research proposal for the dissertation topic submitted by the applicant together with their application for admission. Applicants may consult the supervisor of the advertised topic directly regarding the draft research proposal. The outline project template is available on the faculty website: [Information for applicants for doctoral study – Faculty of Science](#). The quality and standard of the submitted project will be assessed by the committee during the entrance interview. The applicant may receive **a maximum of 5 points** for this part.
7. **Oral examination:** discussion of examination topics according to the relevant field and the focus of the dissertation. The admission requirements and topic areas for individual study programmes are published on the UPJŠ website: [Requirements for the admission procedure for doctoral studies – Faculty of Science](#). For this part of the entrance examination, the applicant can obtain **a maximum of 5 points**.
8. Another condition of the admission procedure, in addition to passing the entrance examination, is proficiency in at least one world language.

III. Evaluation of the admission procedure

1. The admissions committee will determine the ranking of applicants in each degree programme based on the results of the entrance examination, separately for full-time and part-time study. A minimum of 5 points must be obtained to pass the entrance examination. In the event of a tie between several applicants, the committee shall determine the ranking by taking into account academic results and the results of other professional activities, such as participation and placings in the Student Scientific Conference and other competitions, publishing activities, and other scientific activities. Minutes shall be drawn up regarding the results of the entrance examination.
2. The Dean of the Faculty shall decide on the admission of applicants within 30 days of verifying that the conditions for admission have been met. Applicants will be admitted to the programme in order of the total number of points achieved in the admission procedure, within the planned capacity of the study programmes in the various modes of study. The number of applicants admitted to full-time doctoral study depends on the financial capacity to fund doctoral scholarships at the Faculty of Science, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, in the given academic year.
3. The decision on the outcome of the admissions procedure will be sent to applicants in accordance with the provisions of Section 58(7) of the Higher Education Act. In the decision on the applicant's admission, the Dean of the Faculty shall specify the name of the supervisor and the topic of the dissertation, as well as the ranking position in which the applicant was placed. A decision on the rejection of an applicant shall also include information on the ranking position achieved by the applicant.
4. In the case of an applicant's admission procedure for a topic set by EVI, the applicant will only receive the decision on admission or rejection once EVI has given its approval.
5. The applicant may submit a request for a review of the decision on the outcome of the admission procedure in accordance with the provisions of Section 58(8) of the Higher Education Act.

In Košice on 11 March 2026.

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Appendix No. 1 Accredited study programmes at the Faculty of Science, UPJŠ for the academic year 2026/2027

Name of study programme	Mode	Language
Analytical Chemistry	Full-time	SJ
	part-time	SJ
Inorganic chemistry	full-time	SJ and ANJ
	part-time	Slovak and English
Biophysics	full-time	Slovak and English
	part-time	SJ and ANJ
Biochemistry	full-time	SJ and ANJ
	part-time	SJ and ANJ
Physics	Full-time	Slovak and English
	part-time	SJ
Condensed Matter Physics	Full-time	SJ and ANJ
	part-time	SJ and ANJ
Physical Chemistry	full-time	SJ and ANJ
	part-time	Slovak and English
Plant Physiology	Full-time	SJ
Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing	full-time	SJ and ANJ
	Part-time	SJ and ANJ
Computer Science	Full-time	Slovak and English
	part-time	Slovak and English
Mathematics	Full-time	Slovak and English
	part-time	Slovak and English
Molecular Cytology and Genetics	full-time	Slovak and English
Organic Chemistry	full-time	SJ
	part-time	SJ
Advanced Materials	full-time	SJ and ANJ
	external	SJ and ANJ
Theory of Physics Teaching	Full-time	Slovak and English
	part-time	Slovak and English
Theory of Mathematics Teaching	Full-time	Slovak and English
	part-time	Slovak and English
Zoology and Animal Physiology	Full-time	SJ
	part-time	SJ