



**"EQREM ÇABEJ" UNIVERSITY
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**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MACEDONIA
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**OPENING OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE JOINT PROGRAM WITH
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MACEDONIA (Greece), THIRD CYCLE
DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

In accordance with point 3 of article 22 of the Regulation for the joint program of third-cycle studies, Doctorate in "Education and Human Sciences" in collaboration with the University of Western Macedonia (Greece) and the decision of the Academic Senate of the University of Gjirokaster, no. 04, dated 17. 01. 2025 "On the approval of the admission criteria for the joint program with UOWM-Greece, in the third-cycle Doctorate in Education and Human Sciences for the academic year 2024-2025", the call for applications to the Doctoral Study Program in Education and Human Sciences is hereby launched.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The application process is completed when:
 - a. The admission criteria for the joint Doctoral study program are met;**
 - b. The required documentation for the application file is provided.**
2. All application documents must be in English or translated into English by licensed translators.
3. The complete application file must be submitted and registered with the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences at UGJ.
4. Application period: January 31, 2025, to February 28, 2025.
5. Notification of successful candidates will be made by **March 12, 2025**.

ADMISSION CRITERIA TO THE JOINT DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAM

1. The admission criteria for candidates in the study program are developed, proposed, and modified by the governing and implementing bodies of the study program. These criteria are approved by the Academic Senate of UGJ.
2. The basic criteria that a candidate must meet to be included in the program are:
 - a. Hold a Master's degree or a Master of Science degree with 120 ECTS or an equivalent diploma obtained from universities in partner countries participating in the study program. This also applies to candidates from universities in other countries, recognized by the respective national education authorities. The diploma(s) must be accompanied by a certification of recognition/equivalence from the responsible institutions for the recognition of foreign diplomas in the respective countries. The recognition procedure period may be extended until the end of the first year of the study program, and the candidate may be conditionally admitted as a reserve until the verification document is submitted.
 - b. The Master's degree or Master of Science degree must be in the same or a closely related field or subfield as the Doctoral study program.
 - c. Have proficiency in the English language at a minimum level of B2, verified through internationally recognized tests and in accordance with the relevant guidelines of the education ministries in the respective countries. If the candidate has obtained a degree from a study program conducted in English, the obtained diploma serves as proof of meeting this criterion.
 - d. The candidate must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 8 (eight) or higher in their second-cycle studies (Master's/Master of Science).
 - e. The candidate must not have been subject to disciplinary actions or found in violation of research ethics, intellectual property rights, or anti-plagiarism regulations. Additionally, the candidate must self-declare their ability to adhere to scientific and ethical standards.
 - f. The candidate must have a record of publishing activities and participation in scientific events related to the subject of the study program, supported by certificates and other relevant documents.

APPLICATION FILE (Application Documentation)

The applicant, in order to gain the right to pursue the study program in an individual study program of the joint doctoral program, prepares their own application file, which is submitted within the specified deadline in the open call.

The file must be submitted to the office of the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences at UGJ, Building B, Second Floor.

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Application period: January 31, 2025, to February 28, 2025.

THE APPLICATION FILE CONTAINS:

1. The application form (which can be downloaded from the official website of “EqremÇabej” University);
2. The applicant's request, which, in addition to personal details, specifies the individual program(s) for which they are applying, including the following elements:
 - a. A self-declaration of the applicant's scientific research achievements and skills;
 - b. The need for further study in the proposed field and the innovations expected to be brought by the research work;
 - c. The objectives and expected impact of their research work;
 - d. The tools and methods to be used, as well as other arguments justifying the need for this in-depth study.

1. Other documents to be included in the application file:

- a. Curriculum Vitae (europass);
- b. Notarized copy of the Master's/Master of Science diploma/s with 120 ECTS or an equivalent diploma, obtained according to point (a) of item (2) of the admission criteria for the joint doctoral study program, accompanied by the diploma supplement or the transcript of records with the corresponding credits.
- c. A photocopy of the identity card/passport;

- d. A certificate of no criminal record for the period up to three months prior to the application;
- e. Two recommendations from academic staff at the "Professor" level;
- f. Proof of English language proficiency as per point (c) of item (2) of the admission criteria for the joint doctoral study program (notarized photocopy);
- g. Certificates and documentation related to qualifications, trainings, postgraduate exams, or participation in scientific activities that the applicant may have undertaken, or regarding scientific articles they may have published;
- h. A declaration of willingness from the supervisor to mentor the candidate in their research;
- i. A personal declaration from the candidate regarding their ability to cover the expenses of the doctoral study program if they will self-finance;

A research plan within the individual program, outlining the research objectives, the methodology to be followed, the need for further study in the proposed field, the innovations expected to be brought by the work, a research work plan divided by years, as well as the potential for the study to be funded by research grants;

- j. A certificate from the employer, confirming whether the candidate is academically engaged with a higher education institution or is a research staff member at a basic or applied research institution;
- k. Payment receipt for the application fee;
- l. A certificate from the candidate's affiliated institution stating that no disciplinary actions have been taken against them, and that no violations of research ethics, intellectual property rights, or anti-plagiarism rules have been found. The candidate must also self-declare their ability to adhere to scientific and ethical standards. *(The document to be submitted should be a certified certificate with the official seal issued by the institution).*