



**“EQREM ÇABEJ” UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**



**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MACEDONIA
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE JOINT PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY
OF WESTERN MACEDONIA (GREECE),
IN THE THIRD CYCLE DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION AND HUMANITIES**

Based on point 3 of Article 22 of the Regulations of the joint program in the third cycle of studies, “Doctorate” in “Education and Human Sciences” in cooperation with the University of Western Macedonia (Greece), and on the decision of the Academic Senate of UGJ, No. 64, dated 18.12.2025, “On the approval of the admission criteria for the joint program with UWM–Greece, in the third cycle Doctorate in Education and Human Sciences for the academic year 2025–2026”, as well as on Rector’s Order No. 3, dated 06.01.2026, we hereby open the call for 4 quotas in the doctoral study program in:

EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applications are submitted when the following are fulfilled:
 - a. **the admission criteria for the joint Doctoral study program;**
 - b. **the documentation included in the application file.**
2. All application documents must be in English or translated into English by licensed translators.
3. The complete application file shall be submitted and officially registered with the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences of UGJ.
4. Application period: **from 13 January 2026 to 30 January 2026.**
5. Announcement of successful candidates: **by 13 February 2026.**

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE JOINT DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAM

1. General Provisions

1.1. The admission of applicants/candidates to the third-cycle (doctoral) study program is carried out in accordance with: Law No. 80/15 “On Higher Education and Scientific Research,” Article 78;

Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 824, dated 24.12.2021, “On the Approval of the Quality Code in Higher Education”;

Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 112, dated 23.02.2018, as amended, “On the determination of criteria for obtaining the scientific degree ‘Doctor’ and the state standards for obtaining the academic titles ‘Associate Professor’ and ‘Professor’”;

Instruction No. 10, dated 16.06.2023, amending Instruction No. 52, dated 03.12.2015, “On determining the levels of foreign languages and international tests for admission to second- and third-cycle study programs in Higher Education Institutions”, as amended; the Regulations of Third-Cycle Studies and the decisions of the Academic Senate.

1.2. The fulfillment of the following criteria constitutes a mandatory condition for the admission of applicants/candidates to the procedures of competition, evaluation, and enrollment.

2. Basic Criteria

The applicant/candidate must meet the following criteria:

2.1. Academic/Research Status

In accordance with the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 824, dated 24.12.2021, “On the Approval of the Quality Code in Higher Education,” the Applicant/Candidate must:

- a.** be engaged in academic activities at a higher education institution (accredited); or
- b.** carry out research activities at a public or private research institution, either basic or applied.

2.2. Level of Educational Qualification

Based on Law No. 80/15 “On Higher Education and Scientific Research,” Article 78, point 1, the applicant/candidate must hold:

- a.** a second-cycle degree “Master of Science / Master of Arts”; or
- b.** an integrated second-level degree; or
- c.** a degree from the old system (equivalent to the second level of university studies); or
- d.** an equivalent academic degree obtained abroad and recognized by the competent authorities in accordance with the applicable legal and sub-legal acts. The candidate must have completed these studies in the humanities or in fields closely related to this study program.

The application documentation must be verifiable and accompanied by the corresponding recognition certificate.

2.3. Grade Point Average (GPA)

The candidate must have:

- a. an average grade of no less than 8.0 (eight) in each of the previous cycle degrees (Third-Cycle Studies Regulations, Article 18, point 3/f).
- b. The Academic Senate has the right to set higher average grade criteria, depending on the doctoral program, giving preference to candidates who are part of the University's academic staff.

2.4. Language Proficiency

The applicant/candidate must demonstrate proficiency in the English language at level B2, verified through:

- a. recognized international tests in accordance with Instruction No. 10, dated 16.06.2023, as also specified in the regulations of the joint Doctoral Program, Article 18, point 3/d; or
- b. a degree obtained from a study program completed in English, which serves as proof of meeting this criterion (Law on Higher Education No. 80/15, Article 78, point 3).

2.5. Scientific Research Activity

The candidate must have:

- a) at least one (or more) scientific publication indexed or published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, related to the field/subfield of the doctoral program;
- b) evidence of participation in scientific activities (conferences, symposiums, workshops, etc.).

2.6. Academic Recommendations

The candidate must submit two recommendations from academic staff holding the title of Professor, who:

- a. certify the candidate's academic and research abilities;
- b. take responsibility for the professional evaluation of the candidate's qualifications.

2.7. Academic Integrity and Research Ethics

The candidate must:

- a. document that they are not subject to any disciplinary measures;
- b. self-declare that they have not been involved in violations of research ethics, intellectual property rights, or anti-plagiarism regulations;
- c. self-declare compliance with the scientific, ethical, and procedural standards of the doctoral program.

2.8. Additional Criterion

The Applicant/Candidate must undergo an interview (Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 824, datë 24.12.2021, on “On the Approval of the Quality Code in HE”, Standard II.4, kriteri 5¹.

2.9. Doctoral Proposal and Academic Supervisor

The candidate must submit:

- a.** the doctoral study proposal, prepared in accordance with the format specified in Annex No. 1 of this document;
- b.** a declaration of acceptance for supervision by the proposed academic supervisor, in accordance with the institution’s academic criteria;
- c.** a financial commitment to cover the expenses of the third-cycle study program.

¹ The responsible unit approves additional admission criteria such as interviews, references, tests or examinations, as well as other supplementary documents made publicly available in advance.

APPLICANT FILE

(Application Documentation)

In order to gain the right to enroll in the study program within an individual study plan of the joint Doctoral program, the applicant prepares their file, which is submitted for application within the deadline specified in the open call.

The file is submitted to the office of the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences at UGJ, Building B, 2nd floor.

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Application Deadline: from 13 January 2026 to 30 January 2026.

THE FILE CONTAINS

1. The application form (which can be downloaded from the official website of “Eqrem Çabej” University).
2. The applicant’s request, in which, in addition to general information, they specify the individual program(s) for which they are applying, including the following elements:
 - a. self-declaration of their research and scientific achievements and abilities;
 - b. the need for advanced study in the proposed field and the innovations expected to be brought by the research work;
 - c. the objectives and expected outcomes of their research work;
 - d. the tools and methods to be used, as well as other arguments with which the applicant justifies the need for this advanced study.

3. Other documents included in the file

- a. Curriculum Vitae (europass);
- b. a notarized copy of the Master/Master of Science diploma 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 showing the corresponding credits;
- c. a photocopy of the identity card or passport;
- d. a criminal record certificate from a period up to three months prior to the application;
- e. two recommendations from academic staff holding the title of “Professor”;
- f. proof of English language proficiency according to point (c) of item (2) of the admission criteria for the joint Doctoral study program (notarized photocopy);
- g. evidence and certificates regarding qualifications, postgraduate training or exams, or participation in scientific activities that the applicant may have undertaken, as well as any scientific articles they may have published;
- h. a declaration of willingness from the academic supervisor to supervise the candidate;
- i. a personal declaration by the candidate committing to cover the expenses of the doctoral study program;

- j. the research project plan within the individual program, highlighting the objectives of the scientific research, the methodology to be followed, the need for advanced study in the proposed field and the innovations expected from the work, a year-by-year research work plan, as well as the potential for the study to be supported by research grants;
- k. a certificate from the employer confirming that the candidate is engaged in academic activities at a higher education institution, or is research staff at a basic or applied research institution;
- l. a payment receipt for the application fee;
- m. certificate from the candidate's affiliated institution stating that no disciplinary measures have been taken against them, and that no violations of research ethics, intellectual property rights, or anti-plagiarism rules have been recorded, as well as a self-declaration that they are able to comply with scientific and ethical standards. (The document to be submitted must be an original certificate issued by the institution with an official seal).