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Announcement about the admission procedure for doctoral studies

Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the University of Zilina in accordance with section 54 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts

announces,

that he accepts applications for **doctoral studies** in the full-time and part-time form of study for the academic year **2025/2026** (starting from **1.9.2025**) in the field of study

Civil Engineering in study programmes:

- **Theory and Construction of Building Structures**
- **Theory and Construction of Civil Engineering Structures**
- **Construction Management.**

An applicant for doctoral studies applies for topics listed by supervisors in individual study programs. Information about dissertation topics and options for applying for studies is available on the website svf.uniza.sk, under the tab students > [doctoral studies](#).

The deadline for submitting applications for doctoral studies is

until 31 May 2025.

The application can be submitted in person (at the Department of Science and Research of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, UNIZA, room AE 309), by post or electronically. For the **acceptance** of an electronic application for study, it is necessary **to print, sign, scan** and, together with the **scanned** required attachments, **including a document confirming payment** of the admission fee, **attach it as an attachment** to the electronic application.

Even in the case of an electronic application, **it is necessary** to print, sign the application, attach the required attachments, a document confirming payment of the fee and bring it in person, or send it by post to the address of the Department of Science and Research of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, UNIZA by **31 May 2025** (inclusive).

The applicant must attach the following documents to the application for doctoral studies:

- biography
- certified copies of documents on the highest achieved education (diploma of completion of higher education of the 2nd level, certificate of the state final examination, diploma supplement). Documents issued by Faculty of Civil Engineering, UNIZA do not need to be verified.
- a list of professional and scientific papers published so far,
- documents testifying to other professional activities,



- proof of payment of the admission fee,
- in the case of a foreign applicant or a student who has completed his/her studies abroad, he/she submits a decision on the recognition of a document on the completion of a second-level university degree by the relevant institution in the Slovak Republic with the application for higher education (no later than on the date of enrolment for study), or applies to UNIZA for the recognition of proof of education. Foreign applicants admitted on the basis of interstate agreements are subject to the conditions set out in the relevant agreements.
- A signed application form (in the case of electronic filing).

Admission fee and method of payment

Fee amount: **€35**

Payment can be made by bank transfer or postal order to:

University of Zilina, Univerzitná 1, 010 26 Zilina

Bank: State Treasury

IBAN account number: **SK59 8180 0000 0070 0026 9896**

variable symbol: **10433 – name of the payer**

Constant symbol: **0308**

When paying the fee from EU member states, EEA contracting countries of the territory that are considered part of the EU (Article 299 of the Treaty of Rome) and countries that have voluntarily acceded to SEPA use BIC: **SPSRSKBAXXX**,

IBAN: **SK59 8180 0000 0070 0026 9896**.

When making the payment, it is necessary to state the variable symbol and the name of the payer.

The admission procedure for doctoral studies will take place on **June 19, 2025** at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, UNIZA. Applicants will be invited to the admission procedure in writing.

Note:

In case of non-participation or failure in the admission procedure, the admission fee is not refunded!

A medical certificate is not required to apply.

Forms and standard length of doctoral studies

- *full-time* (3 years)

Financially secured by a scholarship in accordance with Section 54 (18) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts

- *part-time form* (4 years)

PhD Fees

- *full-time* (3 years)

Free of charge for the standard length of study. After exceeding it, the amount of the fee is determined by the [Directive of the University of Žilina in Žilina \(hereinafter UNIZA\) No. 243, Article 5, Annex No. 1](#)

- *part-time form* (4 years)

The amount of the tuition fee is set at €1,500 per academic year in accordance with Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, and [UNIZA Directive No. 243, Article 3, Annex No. 1](#)



Conditions of admission and form of admission to doctoral studies

The basic condition for admission to doctoral studies (third-cycle study programme) is the acquisition of a university degree and an academic degree at the second level of higher education (Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts) in the field of study of civil engineering and related fields of study. In the case of a foreign applicant or a student who has completed their studies abroad, he/she shall submit his/her higher education application form, no later than on the day of enrolment for study, the decision on the recognition of the document on the completion of the second-level university education by the relevant institution in the Slovak Republic, or applies to UNIZA for the recognition of the document on education.

In accordance with Section 57 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on the Amendment of Certain Acts, the admission procedure for doctoral study programmes of the Faculty of Science UNIZA for the academic year 2025/2026 will be governed by the following principles:

The admission procedure for doctoral studies at FCE UNIZA is also governed by UNIZA Directive No. 110 in full text "[Study Regulations for the Third Degree of Higher Education Studies at UNIZA](#)" and the document "[Principles and Rules of the Admission Procedure for the 3rd Degree of Higher Education Studies of Study Programmes of the Faculty of Science UNIZA for the Academic Year 2025/2026](#)".

The admission procedure includes an entrance examination, which includes:

- **a written exam in the form of a test from English language** (a foreign language means a language other than the applicant's mother tongue),
- **an oral examination before the committee of the relevant field of study**, the content of which is to verify the applicant's knowledge, professional and scientific orientation in the field to which he or she is applying, including the reasons for choosing the given topic, the methods that the applicant expects to use in solving the given topic and the expected results of the work.

The course of the entrance examination is regulated by UNIZA Directive No. 110 in full text "Study Regulations for the Third Degree of Higher Education Studies at UNIZA" and the document "Principles and Rules of the Admission Procedure for the 3rd Degree of Higher Education Studies of the Faculty of Higher Education Programs of the Faculty of Civil Engineering UNIZA for the Academic Year 2025/2026."

The admissions committee will issue a recommendation on the outcome of the admissions procedure and a proposal of successful applicants, which is submitted to the Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of UNIZA.

After discussing the proposal with the committee and the persons responsible for the doctoral study programmes, the Dean of the Faculty of Faculty of Civil Engineering of UNIZA will decide on the admission of the applicant within 30 days from the date of the entrance examination.



Method of evaluating the results of the entrance examination:

The admissions committee evaluates the result of the entrance examination at a closed session with the conclusion "passed" or "failed".

If several applicants have applied for one topic, they will be ranked according to the success of the entrance examination. When determining the ranking, the committee also takes into account the scope and quality of the applicant's previous professional publication activity and the results of his/her other professional activities (e.g. results in competing student scientific and professional or artistic works, professional practice, etc.). At the same time, it determines the order of all successful applicants.

In Žilina 31 March 2025

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