

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

1. A research proposal is prepared for each dissertation topic specified in the application (for example, two research proposals are prepared if a candidate is applying for two topics).
  2. The research proposal is intended for the evaluation of the applicant's theoretical knowledge of the topic to which he/she applies, the skills of critical thinking, the originality of the expressed ideas, and the ability to formulate ideas.
  3. The applicant guarantees that the submitted research paper is an original work, and that no copyrights of third parties have been violated in the preparation of the research paper; the paper does not contain any confidential information or any information that is subject to the publishing restrictions set out by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania.
  4. The research proposal is prepared according to the following recommended requirements:
    - 4.1. The volume of the research proposal is up to 6,000 characters (including spaces), i.e., approximately 2 pages;
    - 4.2. The text is written in 12 pt., Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, either in Lithuanian or in English;
    - 4.3. A research proposal contains a summarised description of the relevance of the research proposed in the specified topic, the formulated scientific problem, the aim and objectives of the research, its significance, and the expected results, the intended procedure and methodology of the planned research, the reliability of the data, and the methods of obtaining and analysing the data.
  5. Before submitting an application for admission, the applicant submits a research proposal prepared by him/her to the supervisor of the dissertation topic/thematic area.
  6. If the supervisor of the topic/thematic area prepares a recommendation for the applicant, he/she includes his/her evaluation of the research proposal in the text of the recommendation.
  7. The research proposal can be verified by the similarity check system by Kaunas University of Technology or Lithuanian Energy Institute, which allows to identify similarities in the submitted document with texts published online and in the databases of academic publishers, as well as with documents previously uploaded to the system, and recognises possible cases of fraud in text formatting. The generated percentage of similarities and a summary of the originality report are forwarded to the doctoral committee of the science field.
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