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Article 1
General information

(1) The admission procedure for doctoral programmes is announced for the following degree programmes accredited on behalf of Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as "UTB") and carried out at the University Institute (hereinafter referred to as "UNI") in the Czech language:

- 1) Biomaterials and Biocomposites (P0711D130023)
- 2) Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (P0719D130001)

and in the English language:

- 1) Biomaterials and Biocomposites (P0711D130024)
- 2) Nanotechnology and Advanced materials (P0719D130002)

(hereinafter referred to as "doctoral programmes"),

in accordance with § 48 to 50 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended

(hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and in accordance with the admission procedure rules and admission requirements set out in the TBU Statute.

- (2) The authorized vice-rector is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information at <https://www.utb.cz/en/research-and-development/doctoral-studies/>.

Article 2

Conditions for applicant registration

- (1) Applications for admission to the doctoral programmes may be submitted by applicants for study (hereinafter referred to as the “applicant”) who have successfully completed higher education in a Master’s programme or who are students in the final year of a Master’s programme at a higher education institution, provided that they are expected to complete their studies properly before the commencement of doctoral studies. If the applicant’s state final examination takes place only after the first admission examination date, the applicant may submit an application for the second admission procedure date, provided that the Master’s programme has been duly completed by that date. Applicants who have successfully completed higher education in a Master’s programme at a foreign higher education institution (other than a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic) shall proceed in accordance with the Act and with the Rector’s Directive governing the recognition of foreign secondary and higher education qualifications. Applications for admission to the above-mentioned doctoral programmes shall be submitted electronically by means of an electronic application (hereinafter referred to as the “e-application”) through the TBU electronic information system – see Paragraph (2). The application deadline is published in the public section of the TBU website at: <https://www.utb.cz/veda-a-vyzkum/ph-d-studium/celoskolske-doktorske-studijni-programy/prijimaci-rizeni/>.

For a given academic year, the application deadlines are usually set as follows:

1st round of the admission procedure – by 31 May preceding the relevant academic year;

2nd round of the admission procedure – by 30 September of the relevant academic year;

3rd round of the admission procedure – by 31 January of the relevant academic year.

- (2) The e-application may be submitted at the website www.eprihlaska.utb.cz. When completing the e-application, the applicant shall select the degree programme, the proposed

doctoral thesis topic, the supervisor, and the mode of study (full-time or part-time). The topics are published at: <https://www.utb.cz/en/ph-d-courses/>.

- (3) The applicant shall, without undue delay after submitting the e-application (but no later than the application deadline), pay the fee associated with the admission procedure (hereinafter referred to as the “fee”). The fee is non-refundable and is determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act and Article 13 of the TBU Statute. The amount of the fee together with payment details is published at: <https://www.utb.cz/veda-a-vyzkum/ph-d-studium/celoskolske-doktorske-studijni-programy/prijimaci-rizeni/>.

Should any clarification be required, the applicant may contact the UNI Educational and Study Agenda Office for additional information (e-mail: studium-phd@cps.utb.cz).

- (4) If the applicant fails to pay the above-mentioned fee, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. In such a case, the admission procedure shall be discontinued, and the decision on the discontinuation of the admission procedure shall be delivered to the applicant through the TBU electronic information system.

- (5) An applicant for a doctoral programme conducted in the Czech language shall upload the following electronic attachments as part of the e-application:

- CV,
- a motivation letter (1–3 pages in length);
- documents demonstrating previous professional publication or similar activities in the field corresponding to the selected programme, participation in scientific conferences, and, where applicable, proof of English language proficiency.

Furthermore, after payment of the fee, the applicant shall submit to the UNI organisational unit Centre of Polymer Systems (Centre of Polymer Systems, TBU in Zlín, třída Tomáše Bati 5678, 760 01 Zlín, Czech Republic, or electronically to studium-phd@cps.utb.cz) a certified copy of the university diploma. An applicant in the final year of a Master's programme shall indicate the expected date of the state final examination and shall submit a certified copy of the university diploma before the admission decision is issued.

- (6) An applicant for a doctoral programme conducted in the English language who has duly completed a Master's programme at a foreign higher education institution (other than a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Poland, Hungary, or the Republic of Slovenia) shall proceed in accordance with Rector's Directive SR/16/2025

Conditions for the Recognition of Higher Education and Qualifications Acquired Abroad at Tomas Bata University in Zlín or Rector's Directive SR/28/2023 Rules for Assessment of Secondary and Higher Education and Qualification Acquired Abroad within the Admission Procedure Held at Tomas Bata University in Zlín, as amended, and shall upload the following electronic attachments as part of the e-application:

- a certified copy of the university diploma, including its appendices (Diploma Supplement or transcript of records), translated into Czech or English;
- a document recognising the foreign higher education qualification issued by the competent authority in the Czech Republic or a document on the assessment of foreign higher education for the purposes of the admission procedure at Tomas Bata University in Zlín;
- CV,
- a motivation letter (1–3 pages in length);
- documents demonstrating previous professional publication or similar activities in the field corresponding to the selected programme and participation in scientific conferences;
- proof of English language proficiency at level B2 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

(7) If the applicant fails to submit all required documents or if the application contains other deficiencies, the applicant shall be requested through the TBU electronic information system to remedy such deficiencies and shall be provided with a reasonable period for doing so. If the applicant fails to complete the application or remedy the deficiencies within the additional period granted, the admission procedure shall be discontinued. The decision on the discontinuation of the admission procedure shall be delivered to the applicant through the TBU electronic information system.

(8) The applicant shall be invited in writing to participate in the entrance examination through the TBU electronic information system. If the applicant knows in advance (at least five working days before the published date of the entrance examination) that, for objective reasons, they will be unable to attend the interview in person during the entrance examination (for example, due to being outside the Czech Republic at the time of the examination), participation in the interview by means of direct contact between the applicant and the Admission Committee (video conference) may be permitted, subject

to approval by the Chair of the Admission Committee. Where the applicant submits a duly justified excuse, an alternative examination date may be set at the applicant's request. The justification for absence from the entrance examination must be submitted no later than five working days after the scheduled examination date. Acceptance of the excuse shall be decided by the Chair of the Admission Committee.

- (9) The entrance examination may not be waived.

Article 3 Admission Committee

- (1) The Admission Committee, appointed by the Director of UNI upon the proposal of the relevant Doctoral Programme Board, shall oversee the conduct of the entrance examination. The Admission Committee shall consist of at least five members. The guarantor of the degree programme shall serve as the Chair of the Admission Committee. Other members of the Committee shall include the supervisors who proposed the doctoral thesis topics selected by the applicants and other experts from among associate professors and professors.
- (2) The Admission Committee shall assess the applicants' suitability for doctoral studies on the basis of the results of the entrance examination, prepare a report on the conduct of the entrance examination containing the evaluation of applicants, and propose to the Rector of TBU the admission of applicants.
- (3) The Admission Committee shall have a quorum if at least three-fifths of all appointed members are present.
- (4) Meetings of the Admission Committee shall not be public.
- (5) Resolutions of the Admission Committee shall be adopted by voting. A majority of all members present shall be required for the adoption of a resolution.

Article 4 Entrance examination

- (1) The entrance examination shall constitute an integral part of the admission procedure.
- (2) The dates of the entrance examinations for a given academic year shall be determined by the Director of UNI and published at <https://www.utb.cz/veda-a-vyzkum/ph-d-studium/celoskolske-doktorske-studijni-programy/prijimaci-rizeni/> no later than

on the final day of the application period for the respective round of the admission procedure.

- (3) The entrance examination shall assess the applicant's aptitude and motivation for independent creative activities within the relevant degree programme and the level of the applicant's professional knowledge. The entrance examination shall consist of an assessment of English language proficiency, an evaluation of the applicant's previous studies based on the grade average achieved in the Master's programme, and an oral examination intended to verify the applicant's knowledge in the field of the relevant degree programme and the selected doctoral thesis topic, as well as the applicant's previous creative activities. Creative activities shall be assessed on the basis of credible evidence of professional or scientific activities, or outputs from professional practice, submitted by the applicant together with the application, taking into account the length of the applicant's career and professional experience. This assessment shall also include the applicant's Master's thesis, with regard to its relevance to the degree programme and its overall quality. On the basis of an interview with the applicant concerning the submitted outputs, the Admission Committee shall award points up to the maximum number of points specified in Appendix No. 1.
- (4) For the purpose of ranking applicants, individual assessment categories shall be assigned points in accordance with Appendix No. 1.
- (5) In the event of a tie between applicants, the ranking shall be determined according to the higher score achieved in the following order of assessment criteria: a) evaluation of the oral interview by the Admission Committee; b) study results achieved in the second cycle of higher education.
- (6) An applicant may be admitted to doctoral studies only if they achieve at least 50% of the maximum possible number of points in the evaluation of the oral examination.
- (7) An applicant may be admitted to doctoral studies only if they achieve at least 50% of the maximum possible number of points in the evaluation of the English language examination.
- (8) If an applicant achieves less than 50% of the maximum possible number of points in either the oral examination or the English language examination, the result of the entrance

- examination shall be assessed as “failed”. Such applicant shall not be admitted due to failure to satisfy the requirements of the entrance examination.
- (9) A record of the entrance examination shall be prepared.
- (10) The ranking of admitted applicants shall be established on the basis of the points achieved. Applicants demonstrating the highest level of aptitude for study shall be admitted. The maximum number of students admitted in a given academic year shall be determined by a UNI Director’s Directive and published on the UNI website in accordance with the Act.
- (11) Applicants shall be informed of the result of the entrance examination through a decision issued without undue delay following its approval by the Rector, via the TBU electronic information system. The decision shall be deemed delivered on the date when the applicant logs into the TBU electronic information system after the decision has been made available therein. If the applicant fails to log in within 10 days from the date on which the decision was made available, the decision shall be deemed delivered on the final day of that period.
- (12) An applicant may appeal against the decision pursuant to Article 10 Paragraphs (8) and (9) of the TBU Statute.
- (13) Pursuant to § 50 Paragraph (5) of the Act, applicants shall have the right to inspect their admission procedure file after the decision has been notified.

Article 5
Enrolment in studies

- (1) The date of enrolment in studies shall be communicated to applicants in the decision on admission to study.

Article 6
Final provisions

- (1) The scoring system for the entrance examination is set out in Appendix No. 1.
- (2) This Directive replaces the Rector's Directives SR/15/2024 and SR/16/2024.
- (3) This Directive was approved by the TBU Academic Senate on 2 June 2026.

(4) This Directive shall enter into force and effect on the date of their publication on the UNI official board.

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