

DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTRANCE INTERVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS TO DOCTORAL STUDIES IN THE AREA OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

1. **Admission Commissions** for the Doctoral Studies in Medicine, Odontology and Public Health fields of Medicine and Health Sciences at Vilnius University are approved by the Vice-Rector for Research of Vilnius University (VU).
2. During the individual interview, **members of the Commission** should learn about and assess the candidate's readiness, knowledge and ability to work on the chosen topic.
3. **The applicant must prepare a scientific project** according to the relevant topic of the area of Medicine and Health Sciences, for which the competition in doctoral research topics is announced on the website of Vilnius University. The project description (recommended length – 2-3 pages or about 500-800 words) must reflect the **following parts**:
 - Intended purpose and preliminary objectives of the study;
 - Relevance and novelty of the topic (well-grounded choice of intended research topic and field of science);
 - Applicant's readiness to conduct research (applicant should comment on the experience in the chosen topic and in the relevant field of science);
 - Workflow vision (preliminary research methods and their execution);
 - Brief discussion of hypothetical results;
 - Applicant's desire to cooperate with scientists from other research fields and areas, as well as with foreign colleagues.

IMPORTANT: 1) The applicant must submit the scientific project online in the section "Attachments" of VU applicant service system (ISAS) by the date of documents submission specified by VU; 2) During the entrance interview with Commission, the applicant can present the scientific project orally or using a PowerPoint presentation; 3) The Commission is recommended to record the interview.

4. **The Commission also evaluates:**

- The applicant's understanding of the ethical principles of research work.
- Other skills, knowledge and abilities (knowledge of foreign languages, communication and organizational skills, appropriate culture of communication and linguistic expression).
- The applicant's study expectations and research activity plans after obtaining the PhD degree.

5. **The maximum** evaluation score of all parts of the interview – **10 points**.

APPROVED: At the meeting of the Council of Doctoral School of Medicine and Health Sciences at Vilnius University on June 7th, 2024.