

REGULATION ON THE ORGANISATION AND CONDUCT OF THE ADMISSION COMPETITION FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF CHEMISTRY 2026

These **Regulations** were developed based on *the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of the 2026 admission competition for doctoral studies*, approved in the Senate session of December 17, 2025. (<http://doctorat.unibuc.ro>)

Art. 1. The organisation of the competition for admission to doctoral studies is based on the legislation in force and is carried out on the basis of the provisions of O.M.E. no. 3020/2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulation on doctoral university studies, with subsequent amendments and completions, of O.M.E. no. 3693/2024 for the approval of the Framework Methodology on the organisation of admission to higher education in short-term university study cycles, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies approved by the Senate of the University of Bucharest 2026 and this Regulation.

Art.2. In accordance with Law no. 199/2023 on Higher Education, as subsequently amended and supplemented, the doctoral degree programmes at the University of Bucharest fall into the category of scientific doctorate with funding from the state budget or on a tuition-fee basis and are organised for full-time and part-time education. The related grants include the amount of individual scholarships for full-time education.

Art. 3. The admission competition for doctoral programmes in the field of Chemistry shall be conducted within the Doctoral School of Chemistry, for each doctoral supervisor individually, in accordance with the proposed thematic areas..

Art. 4. Following consultation with the doctoral advisors, and based on the calendar approved by the Senate, the doctoral schools shall notify the C.S.U.D. and publish on their own website the range of thematic areas proposed by the doctoral advisors, as well as their availability to supervise doctoral theses in languages of international communication, if applicable. The number of topics corresponding to the doctoral grants approved by the doctoral school council may exceed the number of positions allocated by the C.S.U.D. and shall be published at least 30 days prior to the admission competition..

Art. 5. (1) Admission to doctoral studies is usually carried out in the July session. If there are unfilled positions in July, a new session may be organised in September, with the approval of the C.S.U.D.

(2) Exceptionally, with the approval of the C.S.U.D., at the request of the doctoral school, only one admission session may be organised in September.

Art. 6. The committee for the admission competition is made up of the doctoral supervisor and members of the Doctoral School and approved by the CSUD.

Art. 7. The competition for admission to the doctoral studies takes place at the headquarters of the Faculty of Chemistry and consists of the oral presentation (accompanied by the support of the presentation in Microsoft Power Point format) of their own scientific research concerns, such as the

reasoned defence of the research topic for which they are applying and the knowledge of the related bibliography. The time allocated to the oral presentation is a maximum of 15 minutes.

Art. 8. In special cases, at the reasoned request of the candidate, with the approval of the Doctoral School Council and with the approval of the management of the University of Bucharest, the admission competition may be held by videoconference, with the audio-video recording of the competition.

Art.9. Applications shall be submitted either to the doctoral school secretariat or online, via email to the doctoral school secretariat. By submitting their documents, candidates assume full responsibility for the authenticity of the files and the exact correspondence between the digital/scanned copies and the original documents.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to contact the doctoral supervisor who proposed the respective research topic prior to enrolling.

Art. 10. The evaluation of candidates in the admission competition shall be carried out in relation to: their level of general and domain-specific professional training relative to the research topic, their ability to highlight major research trends, and their capacity to formulate solutions and approaches.

Art. 11. Criteria for the evaluation and selection of candidates:

- **C1** (weighting 60%): Ability to defence and formulate previous research activity: definition of research objectives, research methodology, presentation and interpretation of research results;
- **C2** (weighting 40%): The level of preparation and background knowledge in the doctoral research topic applied for, as well as prior academic and scientific achievements reflected in conference presentations within the field, scientific articles, research trainings/fellowships, etc.

Art. 12. Following the admission competition, each member of the committee shall give each candidate a grade, a whole number, between 10 (ten) and 1 (one) for each evaluation criterion. The average awarded by each member is calculated as a weighted arithmetic average of the grades awarded for each evaluation criterion.

Art. 13. The general admission average is the simple average, calculated with two decimal places without rounding, of the resulting averages, based on the marks awarded by each member of the admission committee.

Art. 14. The tie-breaking criterion for candidates shall be the doctoral admission GPA (Grade Point Average).

When it is necessary to break a tie between multiple candidates who possess the same admission GPA, the following criteria shall be applied, in this strict order:

- a) the general GPA of the Master's degree studies;
- b) the general GPA of the Bachelor's degree studies;
- c) the grade obtained at the defense of the Master's dissertation.

Art. 15. Following the admission competition, the candidates will be ranked in descending order of averages and those who have a minimum admission average of 7 (seven) and fall within the limit of the number of positions allocated by the C.S.U.D., filling the vacant doctoral grant positions for which they have applied, will be declared admitted. The candidate who does not receive the consent of any doctoral supervisor until the completion of the competition procedure

will be declared rejected.

Art. 16. The allocation of positions is made in compliance with *the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies 2026-2027* (<http://doctorat.unibuc.ro>).

Art. 17. The results of the admission competition will be validated by the Council of the Doctoral School and by the C.S.U.D. and are approved by the Central Admission Commission of the University of Bucharest.

Art. 18. The deadline for submitting the original documents to the file of the admitted candidate on a budget-funded positions shall be 3 working days from the publication of the results; failure to present the original documents within the deadline, due to the exclusive fault of the admitted candidate, shall lead to the forfeiture of the budget-funded position.

Art. 19. Candidates who withdraw their registration documents before the final result of the competition is posted are considered excluded from the competition.

Art. 20. The candidates declared admitted are enrolled in doctoral studies based on the result of the competition for the academic year 2026/2027, by decision of the Rector of the University of Bucharest.

Art. 21. The files of rejected candidates or those who drop out of schooling are returned to the candidates, upon request, within 48 hours from the submission of the application, compulsorily free of charge, based on identity documents, after the posting of the final results.

The content of the competition file is the one specified in the *Regulation on the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies at the University of Bucharest 2026*.

Information on admission to doctoral studies: <http://doctorat.unibuc.ro/admitere> and <https://chimie.unibuc.ro/>

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