

**Requirements for the admission to doctoral study
in the accredited study programmes at the FAD STU
for academic year 2024/2025**

Application period (together with annexes):	1st April 2024 – 31st May 2024
Date of the admission examination:	18th June 2024
Date of the Admission Committee meeting:	24th June 2024

The admission process runs under the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013: **The Rules and Terms of Admission for Study within the Study Programmes of the first, second and third levels at the Slovak University of Technology**, along with the Supplement No. 1 and 2 from 26.04.2023, further stated as Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013.

The application form for the doctoral study should be delivered in electronic version via the Academic Information System (AIS) with all required annexes.

The applicant can apply for one of the topics released by the Faculty, as stated in Article 5 (3) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013.

Accredited study programmes	Form of study	Number of years of study	Students planned for admission*
Architecture – Slovak language	full time / part time	3 / 4	7 ** / 4***
Architecture – English language	full time / part time	3 / 4	3 ** / 4***
Design – Slovak language	full time / part time	3 / 4	3 ** / 3***

Note:

* The anticipated interest in the study of the specific study programme as well as the capacity limitations of the respective institutes and workplaces will be considered while determining the planned number of admitted students.

** Real number of admitted students is subject to the accomplishment of the predetermined prerequisites. In case the number of applicants is too high the Faculty reserves the right to restrict the admission only to those demonstrating the highest aptitude for the study under the conditions stipulated by the Faculty.

*** The number of admitted students depends on the number of students applying for individual programmes, on their success in the admission examination, and on the available capacity of tutors - Article 2 (1-3) Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013.

CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION:

Basic conditions for study admission

The basic prerequisite for the doctoral study admission is graduation from the study programme on the second grade of university study in accordance with Article 3 (5) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013.

For the applicants who graduated from foreign universities, the basic prerequisite for admission is the acknowledgement of documents that confirm the required level of completed education and successful final examination. Provisions of *Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on recognition of documents on education and on recognition of professional qualifications and on changing and amending certain laws, part two, § 7 – Recognition of university education of the second grade* will be applicable for the holders of foreign citizenship who apply for the study of the provided study programmes in Slovak or English languages.

Further conditions for the study admission

- Successful completion of the admission examination
- For the doctoral study within the study field of Architecture and Urbanism (study program Architecture), and in the study field of Art (study program Design), only the graduates of these and related fields can be admitted after assessment by the admissions committee.
- Payment for the admission process, as stated in Article 4 (6,7) of the Internal Regulation STU 5/2013.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ADMISSION EXAMINATION:

Admission examination

1. General content:

The admission examination is conducted in person according to Article 4 (9) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013 and takes the form of an oral interview. In justified cases, with the consent of the dean, the entrance exam can be conducted remotely (online) according to Article 4 (10) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013. The aim of the interview is to check the applicant's knowledge and information in subjects on engineering or master's degree level of studies, within the studied field, which are related to the selected topic of dissertation. The aim of the admission process is to find out the applicant's eligibility for self-reliant creative activity in the field of science, technology, and art, as well as to determine the corresponding level of his/her professional and language skills.

2. The way of assessment of the admission examination:

A sequence of applicants will be established, based on acquired points for professional and language knowledge and the achieved study results and creative activity in the field of science, technology, and art according to established admission criteria.

3. Release of the admission examination results:

The results will be released on the FAD STU web page and Academic Information System (AIS).

Required attachments to the Application form

Following are the required documents that entitle the applicants to take part in the admission examination for accredited study programs who submit the following required documents together with the application through the Academic Information System in electronic form:

- Curriculum vitae
- A letter of motivation in which the applicant provides a brief description of the chosen topic of the dissertation.
- A certified copy of the applicant's Engineering or Master's Degree diploma (for STU graduates, a certified copy is not required). Foreign applicants and Slovak state citizens who graduated from engineering and master's studies abroad will submit the documents in accordance with the *Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on recognition of documents on education and on recognition of professional qualifications and on changing and amending certain laws, part two, §7 – Recognition of university education of the second grade*. In accordance with Art. 5, par. 9, letter b) of the Internal Regulation STU No. 5/2013, the successful applicant is obliged to submit certified copy of Diploma no later than on the day designated for enrolment for study.
- The applicants who pass the state final examinations in the current grade of the study after the term of the admission examination are required to present their verified copy of the diploma and the state exam certificate in Slovak language immediately after having passed the state exam, not later than by **12th July 2024**.

- List of published scientific works of the applicant or the list of his/her creative works, eventually the references on these works or activities.
- Certified document of the achieved level of min. B2 knowledge of the English language according to the current Common European Framework of Reference for Languages –CEFR. The certificate must be issued by an authorised institution. The certificate is attached to the electronic application, no later than **31st May 2024**.
- Applicants from abroad for studies in the Slovak language must attach to the application a certified document of the achieved level of min. B2 knowledge of the Slovak language according to the applicable Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (except for applicants with the Czech state language). The certificate must be issued by an authorised institution residing and operating in the Slovak Republic (e.g. ICV STU Language Centre). The certificate is attached to the electronic application, no later than **31st May 2024**.
- Extract of subjects and marks from the previous (engineering / master) study.
- An outline of the doctoral dissertation project (recommended range of 3-5 pages: introduction to the topic, objectives, current state, expected outputs...).
- The applicants, who repeatedly have been applying for the study after having been expelled or after having abandoned the doctoral studies at the FAD STU, are required to present a new verified copy of Diploma of their successfully finished study grade as well as the extract of completed subjects and marks.

In case that the application form does not contain the required information and/or documents and the applicant does not submit them within the date given by the FAD STU, he/she will not be allowed to take the admission examination.

Admission criteria for the study

Admission criteria for the study and the way of their verification must enable to select such students who present the highest level of skills and knowledge for the study. (§ 57 Law on Universities 131/2002 Coll. and amending certain laws effective as of 01/01/2023)

Admission examination evaluation criteria:

The Admissions Committee ranks the applicants according to the following criteria:

- Level of oral interview, the level of professional knowledge, their prerequisites for individual creative activity in science, technology, and art.
- Level of knowledge of the English language verified in an oral interview.
- Level of knowledge of the language in which the doctoral studies are conducted.
- Scope and quality of publication activity, publication of work results.
- Scope and quality of artistic activity, awards of studio work (Prof. Lacko Prize, Prof. Vilhan Prize, Prof. Hruška Prize, Assoc. Prof. Kodoň Prize, etc.), awards in international student competitions, or public competitions.
- Achieved results in the engineering / master's degree of study (according to General Conditions of Study).
- Results and awards of student scientific and professional competitions (e.g. PRO Teoria, ŠVOČ...).
- Participation in foreign student mobility (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci), participation in student workshops, summer schools, etc.

Assessment of knowledge and skills in creative activities in science and arts in the admission examination process:

Applicant	Assessment of professional knowledge and verification of prerequisites for creative work in science and art	Previous study results, awards, other professional activities	Foreign language	Total
	Max 70 points	Max 15 points	Max 15 points	Max 100 points

The applicant is successful and “has passed the admission examination” after he/she has gained the number of points 51 and more.

Bratislava 12th March 2024

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TUITION FEES:

The tuition fees are stipulated by the regulation of the Chancellor effective for the respective academic year. *Regulation of the Rector of STU No. 3/2023-SR for the academic year 2024/2025.*

Fees for admission administration procedure in the state language: **50,- €**

Fees for admission administration procedure in the foreign language: **80,- €**

The variable symbol and the bank account number are stated in the electronic application form in the section informing about the payment.

The fee should be paid by bank transfer to the given account.

The tuition fee for daily form of study in foreign language
(for foreign students studying in English language): **3 500,- € per year**

The tuition fee for external form of study in foreign language
(for foreign students studying in English language): **3 600,- € per year**

The tuition fee for external form of study in Slovak language: **600,- € per year**
