

Quality assurance measures

The quality assurance measures of the Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences are based on the principles and rules set forth in the Doctoral Regulations of the Eötvös Loránd University, its Annex 6/6 on the Faculty of Science and the Doctoral Regulations above. The Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences is supervised by the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Science (TDT) and the University Doctoral Council (EDT).

The Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences ensures a high standard of doctoral training and doctoral procedure at all stages (admission, doctoral studies, preparation of dissertation, degree awarding) following the criteria set out by the quality assurance measures.

The quality assurance plan shall include procedures and institutions for the continuous review of the requirements of both doctoral students and faculty members.

Admission

PhD research topics listed at the Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences are collected by the Council of the Doctoral School and published on the university website. The Council ensures that the topics follow the scientific developments in the given field.

Candidates for doctoral programs will be interviewed by the Admission Committee, which shall include at least three members, if necessary on a Doctoral Programme basis. The admissions committee examines the candidates' professional skills, foreign language skills, previous academic activity, their academic performance, their diploma and the feasibility of their research plan. This shall ensure that candidates who have the necessary knowledge to start a PhD program will be admitted. The Admissions Committee will submit the ranking list of admission interviews to the Council, and the Council will propose the candidates to the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Science.

Core members, lecturers, supervisors

The academic performance of candidates for the School's internal and external core members, supervisors and lecturers all with scientific degrees are reviewed by the Council, and approved by the TDT. Successful candidates will be involved in the operation of the Doctoral School, and they are continuing to engage in high level scientific activities.

The professional work of doctoral students is supervised by the supervisor. The supervisor provides the doctoral student with the necessary professional knowledge regarding the study obligations and guides the research work based on the continuously updated research plan.

The credit system of doctoral studies

The credit system of doctoral program in the Doctoral Regulations (7. §) sets out a verifiable framework for the requirements of the teaching and research activities, encouraging doctoral students to persistent studies and research. Compliance with the study requirements is monitored by the supervisor and the head of the given Doctoral Programme. Students who fail to meet the required credit criteria may be excluded from the training and may be reclassified as tuition paying student.

PhD courses

The Council of the Doctoral School reviews the list of courses to be announced each year and invites lecturers to update the subjects of the courses, discusses and approves new course topics, and requests changes to them as necessary.

Doctoral students have the opportunity to take external doctoral courses in addition to the Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences. Upon acceptance and certified fulfillment of these, the credit value is decided by the Council.

Part time training abroad

The Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences supports the overall goal that doctoral students take part in foreign training. In order to ensure the quality of their studies and research abroad, doctoral students must submit a detailed study and research plan in advance, which will be approved by the Council. Recognition of foreign studies and research as credits is decided by the Council on the basis of a certificate of performance.

Regular reporting

The School requires a progress report each year, where students present their result in studies and research. Reporting shall take the form of a public oral presentation in English or a written report. The report shall include the fulfillment of study obligations, scientific results and publications in the past year. Oral presentations of 15 minutes will take place in front of the faculty members and public, in the presence of supervisors, at a pre-announced meeting of 2 days at the end of the summer exam period.

Requirements to obtain a PhD degree

The detailed requirements for obtaining the PhD degree are set out in the University's Doctoral Regulations (Section 58) and in its Annex 6/6 (Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Science). The Council of the Doctoral School discusses the applications for the graduation procedure and prepares a proposal for the composition of the Doctoral Committee of the public defense. The candidate's supervisor must formulate a written proposal for the initiation of the procedure and the submission of a dissertation.

The Council shall review the list and subject matter of the complex exam subjects on a regular basis, annually, and, if necessary, revise them.

Doctoral students at the School must present their work at a pre-defense before submitting their dissertation in final form. The rules are summarized in Annex 2 above.

Annual report on the activities in the Doctoral School

The Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences reviews its operations annually and reports on its financial, educational, research and other activities to the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Science and the University Doctoral Council. The University Doctoral Council evaluates the functioning of the Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences as part of its annual report under the University Doctoral Quality Assurance Policy.