

Requirements for a research project

Admission to the doctoral studies in the field of Communication and Information is based on the research projects presented.

The enrollment research project is an independent, analytical research paper intended to reveal the candidate's capacity and preparedness to conduct research. The candidates for doctoral studies in the field of Communication and Information at Vilnius University must present their research projects by the specified date and then defend them. The subject of the research paper in the field of Communication and Information may be freely chosen by the candidate, but it must be in line with the themes for enrollment in doctoral studies in the field of Communication and Information at Vilnius University in 2026.

The recommended volume of the research project is 15–20 A4 pages. The text must be printed on plain, white, A4-size sheets, on one side, in Times New Roman 12 pt font and with 1.5 spacing. Spaces between words must be single; spaces between text characters must be of regular size (0 pt). The alignment of the whole text (except for the title page) must be justified. The pages must have empty margins: left – 30 mm, right – 10 mm, top – 20 mm, and bottom – 20 mm. Text pages must be numbered continuously.

The research project must be written in correct language. The research project must have:

- a formulated research subject (the relevance and exploration (in Lithuania and/or foreign countries) of the subject must be evaluated);
- the aim and objectives of the planned research specified;
- the discussion of the research;
- the discussion of the research methods (and the grounds for choosing them);
- a list of references and academic sources.

Along with the research project, the candidates must present a description of their academic activities (including participation in academic conferences, research projects, etc.), a bibliographic list of their academic publications, and copies of each publication (1 copy each).

Academic publications are theoretical or applied research studies prepared and/or published by the author independently or with co-authors: monographs, studies, peer-reviewed articles in periodical or one-time academic publications, materials of presentations in academic conferences, academic reviews, translations of academic texts, etc. If a publication/article, which has not yet been published, but has been accepted by the editorial office or publishing house for publication, proof of this must be presented.

To take part in the doctoral admission competition, submit your application and scanned copies of the required documents by logging in to the [VU online applicant service system](#).

Evaluation of research project

The research projects of the candidates for doctoral studies and their academic publications are evaluated by two reviewers with academic degrees. When writing a review of a research project, the reviewers have to evaluate the following: completeness of presentation of the research subject, substantiation of the relevance of the research subject, description of the exploration of the subject, achievability of the research aim by the objectives set, consistency, presentation of research methods, their substantiation, and the use of academic language and terminology. The reviewers grade the academic projects on a 10-point scale. The reviews signed by the reviewers and their evaluations must be presented to the Communication and Information PhD Studies Admission Commission not later than 3 days before the announced date of defence of the research project.

During the research project evaluation discussion, the review is presented to the candidate, who then answers the questions of the members of the Communication and Information PhD Studies Admission Commission. In evaluating the research project, the Communication and

Information PhD Studies Admission Commission takes into account the following: compliance of the project with the themes for enrollment into doctoral studies in the field of Communication and Information at Vilnius University in 2026, evaluations of the research project proposed by the reviewers, and evaluation of the answers, explanations, and academic discussion skills of the candidate. Candidate's academic publications and academic activity (participation in academic conferences, research projects, etc.) are also taken into account.