



**RULES FOR ADMISSION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27  
TO STUDY IN DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH AT**

**FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING OF  
VSB – TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA**

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The general conditions are based on Section 48 (Section 48 and Section 49 Admission to Studies) to Section 50 (Section 50 Admission procedure) of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on amendments and supplements to some other acts (The Higher Education Act) as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”) which are described deeply in the “Study and Examination Regulations for Study in Doctoral Study Programmes of VSB – Technical University of Ostrava (hereinafter referred to as “VSB-TUO”).

The necessary conditions for admission to study are:

- Achieving the Master’s degree title;
- Successful completion of the admission procedure.

The FCE VSB-TUO will accept students for the following doctoral degree study programmes:

- P0732D260005 Civil Engineering in the English language;
- P0732D260003 Geotechnics and Underground Engineering in the English language;
- P0732FAST04 Sustainable Civil Engineering in the English Language.

## **(1) Application for study**

### **(1.1) Application for doctoral degree study**

The application for study shall be submitted in the electronic form and it is available at VSB-TUO’s website ([www.vsb.cz](http://www.vsb.cz)). The application for study in the doctoral degree programme must have the following annexes in a readable electronic form:

- Diploma proving completed Master (engineering) degree study programme and a copy of the Diploma Supplement if issued by a particular university, a document proving the fulfilment or the condition of proper completion of studies in a (follow-up) Master degree programme, in case the education was achieved abroad (does not apply to equivalent documents, e.g. from the Slovak Republic). The procedure for assessing the proof of completed education achieved abroad is set out in the document [Assessment](#) of Applicants’ Foreign Education within the Admission Procedure;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Motivation letter;
- Certificate of the English language knowledge (e.g. results of a school-leaving examination from the English language, TOEFL, Cambridge English exams and IELTS) at the B2 level at least.

Medical certificate of study and work capability assessment issued by the doctor is not required.

## **(1.2) The deadlines and the admission procedure**

The FCE, VSB-TUO states the following deadlines for submission of applications for study in the Doctoral study programme:

The deadline for submission of the application and for delivering all the annexes in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the admission procedure is 31.03.2026.

The deadline for submission of the application in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the admission procedure is 31.05.2026. The latest deadline for delivering the annexes is 30.06.2026.

The deadline for submission of the application in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the admission procedure is 30.11.2026. The latest deadline for delivering the annexes is 15.01.2027.

The start of studies is on 01.09.2026 or 01.02.2027 (implies to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round applicants).

The application for doctoral studies can be submitted towards the topics of doctoral theses published on the faculty notice board. Topics are published on 28.02.2026 and 31.10.2026. If the applicant is interested in a different topic, he must discuss it in advance with a potential supervisor so that the topic can be discussed at the Branch Board meeting (held in February and September) and announced by the above-mentioned dates.

## **(1.3) Fees for the acts associated with the admission procedure**

The administrative fee for the operations associated with the entrance procedure is 600 CZK.

The administrative fee is non-refundable at any stage of the admission procedure.

The administrative fee shall be sent to the bank account bellow:

Account number:	100954151/0300
Variable symbol:	generated on the electronic application
Constant symbol:	0558
Account name:	VŠB-TUO, 17. listopadu 15, 708 00 Ostrava-Poruba
IBAN:	CZ51 0300 0000 0001 0095 4151
SWIFT code:	CEKOCZPP

## **(1.4) The tuition fee for study in a foreign language**

The tuition fee for study in a Doctoral study programme conducted in a foreign language is determined by the Statute of VSB-TUO and generally amounts to 500 CZK per semester. The candidate will be given more information on the payment during the admission procedure.

## **(2) Admission procedure**

The basis of the admission procedure is the overall assessment of the candidate's preconditions to study in the selected doctoral study programme. Admission procedure consists of:

- evaluation of the motivation letter;
- oral interview and a discussion between the admissions committee and the applicant;
- verification of the applicant's ability to study in the language of instruction of the study programme.

The admission procedure includes an assessment of the proposed supervisor's opinion of the applicant and the topic of the thesis. The proposed supervisors will submit their written opinions to the Study Office no later than 5 working days before the admission examination. In case that more than one candidate applies for a topic, the supervisor will propose a solution.

### **(2.1) Admissions Committee**

The admissions committee is appointed by the Dean. The members of the committee are usually members of the Branch Board.

### **(2.2) Structure and evaluation of the motivation letter**

In the motivation letter the applicant describes:

- Previous education, previous master's studies and their connection to the chosen doctoral study programme (0–5 points);
- Current results in research and science, including the list of publications, cooperation on research projects. The maximum score is (0–15 points);
- Motivation to solve the chosen dissertation topic (0–5 points).

The evaluation of the motivation letter is carried out by the admissions committee. The evaluation also includes an assessment of the English language level of the motivation letter (0–5 points). The maximum number of points which applicant can receive for the assessment of motivation letter is 30. The minimum number of points is 15. If the candidate achieves more than 15 points in the assessment of the motivation letter, he will be invited to an oral interview.

### **(2.3) Oral interview and its assessment**

An oral interview with the applicant and its evaluation is carried out by the admissions committee. The committee evaluates in particular:

- Previous education, previous master's studies and their connection to the chosen doctoral study programme (0–5 points) ;
- Current results in research and science, including the list of publications, cooperation on research projects. The maximum score is (0–15 points);
- Active knowledge of the English language (0–5 bodů);
- Motivation to solve the chosen dissertation topic (0–5 points).

### **(2.4) Invitation to an oral interview**

The applicant is invited to an oral interview at least 10 days in advance by email to the applicant's email address provided within the application procedure.

### **(2.5) Oral interview**

The oral interview is held in one day. In the beginning of the oral interview, the applicant is obliged to prove his identity to the admissions committee. The interview is a guided discussion with the candidate, which focuses on topics given in chapter (2.3). In justified cases, the Dean may allow the online oral interview. The proposed supervisors are usually participants of oral interview.

### **(2.6) Absence from the oral interview**

Applicant has to excuse his absence in written letter in case of his absence from the oral interview. The chairman of the Admissions Committee decides on the excused absence. The chairman of the Admissions Committee can set an alternative date for oral interview.

### **(3) Deciding on admission to study in the doctoral study programmes**

The basis for deciding on admission to study is the recommendation of the Admissions Committee. The final decision is issued by the Dean of the Faculty.

#### **(3.1) The procedure of deciding on admission to study**

When deciding about admission to study, a ranking of applicants is made on the basis of the applicants' points score. The ranking is elaborated by the Admissions Committee of the doctoral study programme and presented to the Dean of FCE. The recommendation of the Admissions Committee includes consent of the proposed lecturer to take over the position of the supervisor. The commission may propose a change of a dissertation topic or a supervisor or may not recommend the candidate for admission.

#### **(3.2) Notification of the candidates of the admission procedure results**

The decision on admission to study or on rejection shall be sent to the applicant through the information system no later than 30 days after verification of the conditions for admission to study.

#### **(3.3) Maximum number of applicants admitted in the academic year**

The total number of applicants to be accepted for study in the academic year 2026/2027:

- Civil Engineering 4 students;
- Geotechnics and Underground Engineering 2 students;
- Sustainable Civil Engineering 6 students.

### **(4) Related documents**

[The Statute](#) of VSB – Technical University of Ostrava.

[Study and Examination Regulations](#) for study in Doctoral Degree Programmes at VSB – Technical University of Ostrava.

### **(5) Final provisions**

This directive was approved by the Academic Senate of the FCE VSB-TUO on 29.10.2019 and entered into force on 01.11.2019.

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Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering

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